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## PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

### THIRTY-SEVENTH GENERAL REPORT

PURSUANT to Section 16 of the *Public Works Committee Act* 1969-1974, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works have the honour to report on the proceedings of the Committee during the period between 1 January 1974 and the dissolution of Parliament on 11 April 1974.

### TWENTY-SECOND COMMITTEE

1. Members of the Twenty-second Committee were appointed in the Senate on 6 March 1973 and in the House of Representatives on 1 March 1973. They were Senator G. Georges, Senator D. S. Jessop, Senator A. G. Poyser, Messrs J. Corbett, W. J. Fulton, L. K. Johnson, the Honourable C. R. Kelly, Messrs L. J. Keogh and R. H. Whittorn. At their first meeting, the Committee elected Mr W. J. Fulton as Chairman and the Honourable C. R. Kelly as Vice-Chairman.

### PROPOSALS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

2. Four references were made to the Committee prior to 11 April 1974. Details of these are set out in a tabulated summary at the end of this report.

3. A Sectional Committee visited the Northern Territory and inspected existing facilities and held public hearings at Tennant Creek on the proposed redevelopment of the Tennant Creek Hospital and at Yirrkala on a proposed Area School. The report on the Tennant Creek Hospital was tabled in the Senate on 10 April 1974 but was not able to be tabled in the House of Representatives prior to the dissolution of Parliament on 11 April 1974. The evidence on the Yirrkala Area School was still under consideration by the Committee when Parliament was dissolved.

4. There was insufficient time to prepare for hearings on the proposals for a Post Office Administrative Building, Perth, Western Australia and for the Australian Radiation Laboratory, Yallambie, Victoria.

5. With the dissolution of Parliament on 11 April 1974, all four references to the Twenty-second Committee lapsed (they were subsequently referred to the Twenty-third Committee on 30 July 1974).

6. During their visit to the Northern Territory referred to above, the Sectional Committee took the opportunity to inspect facilities and sites of proposals which were likely to be referred to the Committee in the near future. These comprised the existing facilities of the Water Resources Centre at Winnellie and the proposed site for the Berrimah Water Resources Centre, Darwin New Town, Malak Primary School, Sanderson High School, Anula Primary School, Wulagi Primary School, Casuarina Health Laboratory and Casuarina Offices.

## **MEETINGS**

7. The Committee met on eight occasions between 7 March and 10 April 1974. These meetings were held to take evidence at public hearings, carry out inspections or to undertake private deliberations, and took place in Canberra (4), Tennant Creek (2), Darwin (1) and Yirrkala (1).

## **APPRECIATION**

8. The Committee wish to record their appreciation to all those who gave assistance at hearings and site inspections, particularly the Department of Housing and Construction.

9. We also wish to thank the Principal Parliamentary Reporter, the Government Printer and respective staffs for their co-operation and service throughout the period.

## **STAFF**

10. The Committee were served by Mr R. B. Fenton, as Secretary, Mr P. J. Roberts as Assistant Secretary, Mr G. L. Laffan and Mrs J. R. Thompson.

**L. K. JOHNSON**  
Chairman

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works,  
Parliament House,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

13 February 1975.

Date Proposal Referred	Proposed Work	Date of Report	Report Presented	Expenditure Proposed when Referred to Committee	Expenditure Recom- mended by Committee	Motion for Expediency Passed	Remarks
7.3.74	Redevelopment of Tenant Creek Hospital, N.T.	..	..	\$ 4,500,000	..	..	
7.3.74	Area School at Yirrkala N.T.	..	..	4,300,000	..	..	
21.3.74	Post Office Administra- tion Building, Perth, W.A.	..	..	7,000,000	..	..	
3.4.74	Australian Radiation Laboratory, Yallambie, Victoria	..	..	3,250,000	..	..	References lapsed due to Dissolu- tion of the 28th Parliament on 11 April 1974.