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7. Sandstone prospect at Molesworth.

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Mr L.C. Laredo of Molesworth requested a geological inspection of his property with a view to advising on the feasibility of quarrying building stone on his property. The area was visited on 4 February 1972.

The sandstone crops out on a steep slope which is accessible from a gravel road from Molesworth on the Glen Lusk road, approximately 24 km from Hobart [EN613125].

GEOLOGY

The stone is Triassic sandstone described by G.B. Everard as a quartz sandstone containing very little foreign material. It is cream coloured and contains small amounts of hydrated iron oxides.

It would appear to be highly suitable for building purposes but the limited thickness of the stone exposed suggests that the stone, both above and below, is softer. Drilling would be necessary to establish the thickness of suitable stone and overburden.

FEASIBILITY

The location of this stone in an area of high relief, served by poor roads and probably underlying thick overburden makes this area unsuitable, or at best, marginal for economic working.