

INSPECTOR OF MINES, MAGAZINES, AND EXPLOSIVES OFFICE,
LAUNCESTON, 3rd December, 1951

MEMORANDUM:

KIRWANS WOLFRAM PROSPECT
GOULDS COUNTRY

As requested in your telephone conversation of the 20th June last, arrangements were made, and accompanied by Kirwan Bros, I visited their Wolfram prospect on the 23rd November.

The scene of the find is approximately one mile due North in a direct line from Goulds Country Hotel. The position is in a valley of thick vegetation between two hills which have at one time been ploughed and are now overgrown with ferns etc.

Kirwan Bros, have pegged an area of 40 acres under a prospecting licence. There is a heavy covering of soil of at least three feet thickness and no outcrops of a solid nature were to be seen.

Where the Wolfram was discovered are a number of granite type stones with small seams of Quartz in them which contain Wolfram, and they are Iron stained giving the impression that Wolfram has been leached out. These stones are scattered over a fairly large area.

As there are no defined outcrops to be examined it is not possible to make a conjecture as to the origin of these stones containing the Wolfram.

It is considered that the first step in a prospecting campaign would be the cutting of Costeans to expose the bed rock for examination.

Kirwan Bros, agree that this is the first work to be carried out and are desirous of knowing if the Department would assist them with this work and to what extent, they realise that this work would be purely a prospecting venture with its attendant risks of obtaining any worthwhile discovery.

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The Director of Mines,
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