

Mines Department,
Hobart,
28th February, 1928

Dear Sir,

In response to your request for an expression of opinion regarding the prospects of tin mining in Cox Bight area, I have to inform you that I generally concur with the report of Mr. P.B. Nye. In addition to that information I obtained during a recent visit, information regarding the ground prospected some years ago by an engineer named Church. The holes unwatered showed Church's results are correct and that the ground explored contained tin ore in profitable proportion. The prospects certainly warrant the necessary expenditure for the drilling of the deep ground fringing the coast-line both on the east and west sides of Point Eric.

I was surprised to find that the recent boring of Roburg did not penetrate the tin-bearing wash but the covering alluvium only. Little can yet be written about the Plateau area because of the difficulty in penetrating the deep beds of shingle, but where the beds are shallow the tin ore is there also in profitable proportion.

I regret that owing to extreme pressure of work my report has not been prepared for you. In that a detailed account will be given on each area and a scheme of operation will be outlined.

As regards the results already obtained by Mr. Nye in the Moulting Creek area, I am informed by him that the prospects are decidedly encouraging. In fact, he is hopeful that as a result of further development an important field will be opened. That result is due largely to the energetic manner in which you have conducted all your operations, at times under extremely adverse conditions. That the prospects will lead to your Company's success is the wish of this department; and I may here state that I shall endeavour to protect your interests knowing as I do that you have every moral claim to first consideration. I have no reason to doubt that the Government holds similar views and consequently you need have little or no apprehension as to the securing of lease rights over the area.

Yours faithfully,

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