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5th December, 1950

MEMORANDUMCOOEE BRICK WORKS

Mr G. McKay of McKay Lloyd Sawmills Pty Ltd, Burnie, is interested in the purchase of the old Cooee Brick Works and is contemplating the manufacture of bricks and tiles to be made from the material used there plus a certain percentage of sawdust. A certain amount of fat clay is necessary in this process and Mr McKay desires the advice of this Department on the possibility of the occurrence of a seam of fat clay in the deposit.

The material, from which the bricks were made, consists of a very weathered and very fractured bed of tuffs and breccias, about 200 feet in thickness contained in normal quartzite beds. There appears to be some faulting in this area and a narrow seam of fault pug 1 to 2 inches in thickness can be observed in the quarry wall.

As the material is a weathered rock there is no likelihood of seams of fat clay of any extent in this deposit.

Fat clays are best sought for in Tasmania in Tertiary Lake Deposits and as this type of clay could occur in the Wynyard District, this is the most likely locality for further search.

Mr McKay desires to be informed, by letter, of this information.

Terence D. Hughes
GEOLOGIST.

The Director of Mines,
Hobart.