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MEMORANDUM

PROPOSED BORING FOR TASMANIAN  
COAL CO., FINGAL

Following an urgent request by the above Company for an early drilling campaign in relation to the Kitten Colliery on Coal Leases in the name of M.J.S. Yeates near Fingal, a visit was made on 21st January with the object of gaining preliminary information concerning probable depths of holes and location of bore sites.

On arrival at the mine Mr. R.P. Yeates informed me that since making the appointment for the examination it had been decided to shortly abandon the Kitten workings and that this drilling was not now required.

Mining on the leases in the near future would be solely confined to the adjoining Cat Colliery operated by the Fingal Coal Co., an associated concern, with the object of enlarging the coal output. For this purpose an attempt was to be made to obtain a Mine Manager from the Newcastle district in New South Wales.

Mr. Yeates said it was now desired to obtain the use of a Mines Department drill to attempt to prove the extension of the coal seam over a considerable area ahead of the Cat workings, but the urgency for this work was not so great.

If the latter drilling is undertaken by this Department, preliminary surveys would be required to

- (1) Define the forward extension of the Cat workings in relation to surface features
- (2) Fix the surface position of any proposed bore holes ahead of the current workings.



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