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MEMORANDUM

APPLICATIONS L.D. AND M.D. MCRAE
PURCHASE CROWN LAND COLES BAY

Further to the previous memorandum relating to this matter the attached plan shows the relative positions of the applications with both the limestone and the coal deposits of the district.

It is obvious that to exclude the limestone from L.D. McRae's application it will reduce the area available by more than one half and to exclude the coal bearing area from the application of M.D. McRae a similar reduction will be necessary.

The limestone is not low grade and approximates 80% CaCO₃. The coal is of average Tasmanian grade.

In the year 1926 two reports were written by the then Government Geologist dealing with Cement Materials at Dalmayne and Mt. Peter. These reports were not unfavourable and suggested further testing.

From the point of view of Nye's reports it is not advisable to alienate any of the land applied for.

Without consideration of the possibilities of cement manufacture neither the limestone or the coal bearing area should be alienated.

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