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MEMORANDUMApplication by Hamilton Municipal Council
to Remove "Bauxite" Gravel in Ouse District

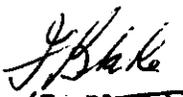
An inspection of the locality on 23rd May last shows that the road blinding material desired to be used by the above Council occurs on No. 2 Bauxite Area as designated on Plates 11-13 B.M.R. Bulletin No. 24 "Bauxite in Australia".

It occurs within Mineral Lease application 389P/N, 60 acres, by the Australian Aluminium Production Commission, which area was acquired by the Commonwealth Government in 1948 for defence purposes.

The road material consists of 2 to 4 feet of ironstone gravel and clay, partly overlying bauxite of economic grade.

Commencing prior to 1954, large quantities of this surface material was stripped in several pits extending over approximately 5 acres and used by the Public Works Department for blinding purposes on the Lyell Highway.

Since this area is owned by the Commonwealth it would appear that the Department of Mines has no jurisdiction over the removal of gravel, and application for such should be made through the Australian Aluminium Production Commission.


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