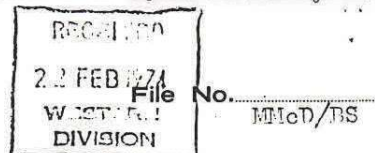
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The Secretary,
Forests Commission,
Treasury Place,
MELBOURNE. 3002.

Attention - Division of Forest Protection

Subject - Myawyn Wire Tower - Heywood Forest District

The wooden tower located on private property Allotment 10 of A - Parish of Anya, is of primary importance for the fire protection of the Northern section of this district. The tower was built in 1943 and is in my opinion possibly structurally unsound. It is only proposed to use the tower for the balance of the 1973/74 fire season and it is recommended that the tower be re-built prior to the 1974/75 fire season on a new site

(a) in Reserved Forest
(b) where higher forest values are covered. The establishment of the JYONS block of softwoods will require rapid fire spotting. The JYONS area cannot be seen, because of high ground between the tower and the proposed plantation.

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The new site (Portland 1:100,000 sheet co-ord 522-931) known locally as the (Ginger Swamp) is approximately 3 miles West of the existing tower at a comparable elevation and would give similar coverage to the North, and give excellent coverage of the JYONS plantation.

The area should be checked out by a computer print-out to determine the tower height and the "as seen" areas. This procedure will be checked with Mr. R. Smith so that district staff can obtain the necessary data re: grid size and levels etc.

The district funds will be in-adequate to pay the full cost of this tower. It is proposed that some finance be made available in the P.X. budget, and some finance be from the Heywood district in proportion to the area covered, and that adjoining districts obtaining some cover pay a similar proportion.

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ADF Sheldon inspected this tower with DFO McDougall and confirms that it has a limited life. The legs are deeply cracked, radially, along much of their length. Bracing timbers cannot be tightened, and rotting of the sapwood has loosened the bgs where they are sunk in concrete collars, into the ground. Built in 1943, probably using mesquite poles, this tower is very near the end of its working life and should be replaced with a steel tower as soon as possible.

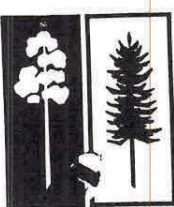
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The tower should be placed after further site investigation and data for a printout has been submitted.

The subject of finance will have to be further investigated but it is essential that a tower be ordered as soon as size and site are determined

J Gillespie
Divisional Forester



District Heywood 22nd July 1974

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The Secretary,
Forests Commission,
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Attention - Division of Forest Protection
- Mr. Channon

Subject - Proposed Fire Tower - Heywood Forest District

As previously reported the wooden fire tower at Myamyn is in very poor condition and should be replaced before the tower callapses with the possibility that the towerman could be hurt.

As the old tower is on private property it was decided that rather than merely replace the tower, the area should be checked by a computer programme to determine the most suitable site for a new tower.

From the Computer print-out it is obvious that a proposed site at (Ginger Swamp) is the most suitable site for the Heywood District fire detection system. The forest in the area is approximately 20 + metres high and is not yet mature.

Some old trees in the area were estimated to reach approximately 30/33 metres, so that a tower must be at least 33 metres in height to allow for the growth of the surrounding forest. The area is relatively flat and it would not be practical to clear around the tower to improve the vision from the cabin.

The relocation of the tower to the Ginger Swamp gives a greatly increased direct view of the proposed PX areas at Lyons. This increase in detection of this proposed PX area is such that some contribution from PX funds should be envisaged.

With the anticipated delays in design tendering and fabrication it is unlikely that the tower will be available for use this coming summer. However the project is essential and the planning should be commenced forthwith.

Recommendation

That a 35 metre tower be erected at the proposed (Ginger ANNYA Swamp) site as soon as possible.

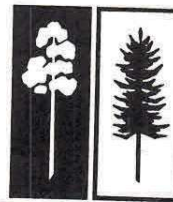
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The Secretary,
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Attention - Chief, Division of Forest Protection

Subject - Proposed Fire Tower-(Ginger Swamp) ANNYA

Previous reports on the structural condition of Myamyn Lookout Tower have stated that the wooden tower which is 30 years old, is rapidly approaching or perhaps has reached a replacement situation.

Guy wires have been installed to reduce wind-sway and possible collapse.

Computer printouts have been run to establish the best available site when Myamyn is renewed. These printouts show that the Ginger Swamp area is the best forest site available. Myamyn is on private property and has a poor visual area to the north due to limited height of the tower.

The replacement of this tower should be planned now and the design approved, pending a decision on available finance. Each year field finances are restrictive and the provision of funds for such an installation is beyond Heywoods finance, and probably a combination of Western Division finances - (the Divisional Forester will comment on this matter).

As each financial year draws to a close, and all Departmental finances are rounded up, it is likely that adequate consolidated funds would be available on a State wide basis. If the design etc. had previously been arranged and funds become available then it could seem a logical step to purchase a tower this financial year.

The prohibitive cost is the purchase of the tower - district funds could be available for site and construction works and suitable district labour is available for the work.

The proposed area is Reserved Forest and so occupancy rights appear to be no problem.

The P.M.G. have been advised of the possible change of Myamyn at some stage.

Recommendation

1. That the design for a new tower be approved for (Ginger Swamp) ANNYA
2. That steps be taken to arrange possible supply of that tower.