

16 SEP 1947

MEMORANDUM TO:

The Secretary,  
Department of the Interior,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Accommodation at "Mulwalle".

It is understood that it is proposed to open the new Mulwalle Boarding House to boarders towards the end of October.

2. The Board, as you know, has a particular interest in the Boarding House and, following inspection, the Welfare Officer of the Board's staff has made some comments and suggestions.

3. First, the bus services. Are any contemplated for those living at Mulwalle? The locality is somewhat isolated, and particularly for women, the problem of returning to the Boarding House at night becomes a difficult one. Similarly, provision of buses up to Civic Centre and down to Kingston for those employed at offices in either direction is important. While it is likely that most men and women living at Mulwalle will walk to and from work at Civic Centre in the normal course of events, the distance is too great for wet weather, or in the event of slight indisposition.

4. Second, what are the prospects of installing a heating system in buildings like the present one, other than the fireplaces in the various Common Rooms, and installations for radiators? Obviously, provision of radiators and cost of running them proves an expensive outlay for those on the smaller salary ranges.

5. Has any thought been given to the provision of recreational facilities other than tennis courts, such as ping-pong tables, or deck tennis outfits?

6. The arrangements made for a small kitchenette in each unit should be very well received by those moving into Mulwalle, and should make private entertaining there far simpler than is commonly the case in boarding houses, either in Canberra or elsewhere. Has any consideration been given to the possibility of installing some simple cooking device (equivalent perhaps to a gas ring) to enable the preparation of a slightly wider variety of suppers than is possible, for instance, with an electric jug?

*Im Edwards*

*In advice*

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*17/9/47*

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Secretary.