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FROM

THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON RAILWAYS

ON THE PROPOSED

NOWINGI TO MILLEWA SOUTH RAILWAY;

TOGETHER WITH

BOOK OF REFERENCE, PLAN, AND MAP.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1927.

18. NOWINGI TO MILLEWA SOUTH RAILWAY.—Motion made, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, and question—That the construction of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway from Nowingi to Millewa South be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.

(*Sixteenth Committee.*)

The Hon. A. E. CHANDLER, M.L.C., Chairman.

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# REPORT.

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THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS, to which the Legislative Assembly referred the question of constructing a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway from Nowingi to Millewa South, has the honour to report as follows :

## PREVIOUS REPORT ON THE GENERAL REFERENCE.

1. On the 20th December, 1927, the Committee presented to Parliament a report on the General Reference of Mallee Railway Extensions (Millewa Railway), in which was given a description of the district, information regarding proposed railway routes, settlement and production, the Pink Lakes salt area, stock and domestic water supply, timber areas, the financial aspect and the Migration Agreement, the proposed use of motor vehicles as a substitute for railways, the length and cost of proposed lines, the Traffic Officer's Report, the Railways Commissioners' estimates of Annual Charges and Revenue, the views of the Committee on these various matters, and its recommendation that it was expedient to construct a proposed extension of 35 miles westward from Nowingi, the terminus being now designated Millewa South.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. The Committee reaffirms on this Specific Reference the recommendations made on the General Reference, viz. :—

- (1) That it is expedient to construct a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway extending 35 miles in a westerly direction from Nowingi, crossing the Raak Plain, keeping south of Rocket Lake, and terminating at Millewa South, near a point about 8 miles south of the boundary of the parishes of Koleya and Mallanbool ;
- (2) That the cost of the line and rolling-stock, estimated at approximately £132,378, be met to the extent of £35,000 from the Developmental Railways Account ;
- (3) That the Government endeavour to borrow the balance of the total cost, viz., £97,378, under the terms of the Migration Agreement, carrying an interest charge of 1 per cent. for the first five years, and one-third of the prevailing rate for the next five years ;
- (4) That a Joint Committee, consisting of the Public Works Committee of South Australia and the Railways Standing Committee of this State be appointed to inquire and report upon the matter of connecting the western portion of the County of Millewa with the South Australian Railways system ;
- (5) That in the event of no recommendation for railway construction being made as the result of this proposed inquiry, the matter of serving with railway facilities the districts west of Meringur and west of the proposed 35 miles terminus from Nowingi be again referred to the Victorian Railways Standing Committee for inquiry and report.

A. E. CHANDLER,  
Chairman.

Railways Standing Committee Room,  
Parliament House,  
Melbourne, 20th December, 1927.

[*Minutes of Evidence are not printed.*]

