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(c) Areas for further development:

Consideration of this matter was deferred pending the submission of information from the Director of Works.

(d) Narrabundah:

Plans forwarded by the Director of Works were submitted indicating a proposal for building 96 additional houses of the demountable type. After inspecting the area it was resolved that the Committee approve of the proposal for provision of these houses in accordance with Plan No. A. C. T. 17217 of the 28th July, 1947, and of the amended designs of houses as shown in Drawings Nos. A. C. T. 17202 (two bedroom type) and A. C. T. 17203 (three bedroom type) of the 29th July, 1947. It was noted that the Works Director proposed to cover the walls

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During inspection of portion of the area at Narrabundah upon which the demountable type of house is already being erected the Committee noted that many of the houses had not been erected in accordance with the plans to which it had given its approval. It observed that the alignment along the streets had been broken, the position of houses on the northern corners had been changed and they had been placed at right angles to the streets, and the colour schemes adopted were far too varied.

It was decided to draw attention to these facts and recommend that the plans as approved be adhered to and that the colour scheme should be worked out in groups instead of in the indeterminate manner adopted.

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TECHNICAL  
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The Executive Member referred to the discussion that he had had with the Chairman and Mr. Harris in Sydney the previous week, and then with Mr. Rolland by telephone to Melbourne in regard to the request received from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, for urgent consideration of the scheme of layout of buildings for the Forestry Bureau and School and particularly for the design of the Students' Hostel. He had tentatively arranged that the Architect in charge of the Drawing Office, Mr. McCalman, and Dr. Jacobs (representing the Director-General of Forests) would meet the Committee at 2.15 p. m. to explain the basis of the preliminary layout that had been submitted and indicate any special reasons which might dictate its form. Mr. Rolland explained his position in the matter, stating that he thought that the most important section, namely, the Technical and Research Building, might, with advantage, be brought nearer to Banks Street and placed in line with the present School. This would provide for the two institutional buildings being parallel. He thought that the Hostel or residential section was of less importance and might be placed accordingly in a less prominent position.

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Erection of 5 houses from Tocumwal -  
Contractor S. R. Watson - Price £6250 plus fixed  
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(ii) Narrabundah:

Demountable houses - additional 96.  
Contractor - John Grant & Sons Pty. Ltd.  
Contract price

(iii) Griffith:

Group of 48 flats  
Contractor- J. L. Chapman - Contract price £76,790.

(iv) Barton:

Temporary Administrative Offices . One block.  
Contractor - John Grant & Sons  
Cost plus basis Price £29,730-18- 2 plus fixed  
fee £2973- 1-10.

The Works Director stated that negotiations were also in train to secure contracts for the following:

O'Connor: 100 framed houses  
200 concrete houses.

Griffith: 9 houses ( part of 30 to be erected in  
Griffith and Deakin)

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In the original scheme it had been proposed to locate the Hostel where the Technical Building was shown in the plan of layout now under consideration. There was no difficulty in transposing these buildings as proposed by Mr. Rolland. The Department of Works had suggested the position of the Hostel, as shown on the draft layout plan, to cheapen the cost of sewerage services for the time being. Sewerage would, of course, be required for the larger Technical Building ultimately. Mr. McCalman confirmed what Dr. Jacobs had told the Committee. He thought that the question of layout was fairly flexible and that the transposition proposed would not present any great difficulty. The suggestion rather attracted him as a proposal.

The members of the Committee expressed the view that, as the sewerage and drainage services would ultimately have to be carried to the site proposed in the draft layout for the Technical Building, the question of some small saving in this regard in respect to the Hostel,

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