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Kingston,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.
30th September, 1940.

The Secretary,
Department of the Interior,
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Dear Sir,

In connection with the proposed erection of a Recreation Hut at Kingston for members of the Military Forces, I recently signed a memorandum to the effect that I had no objection to a Rest Hut being erected on the vacant land at the rear of my cottage, on the understanding :

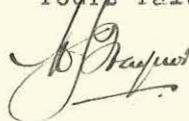
1. That the Hut would be erected on the site chosen, and
2. That the Hut would be of a temporary nature and for the duration of the war only.

From a report I have read in the Canberra Times of the 21st instant, it would appear that the organisers of the movement to erect the Hut were determined to erect this building on the site chosen by them, and that the cost was to be in the vicinity of £2,400. It can readily be understood that a building of this cost would hardly be of a temporary nature, and the probability is that the building would eventually become a public hall for dances etc. Furthermore, it has come to my notice that the organisers of the movement are now contemplating the erection of this hut on a site more directly in line with my cottage.

I cannot, Sir, emphasize too strongly, my objection to any proposal other than that quoted above in 1 and 2. My objection is based on the fact that the chief reason I took over this property was the fact that no building was to be erected on this vacant allotment. I deeply regret having to take this stand, particularly in view of the need for this hut for our Military Forces, and being a returned man myself, I more than appreciate its necessity. I trust, however, that a favourable site will be found other than the one proposed, and would like some assurance from the Department to the effect that the Leasees' wishes will be respected.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



(W. J. Traynor)