

Estimates Committee 2004
Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Cave Creek Station

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Power and Water Corporation

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Question:

Mr Jim Sullivan at Cave Creek Station near Mataranka is just short of the reticulated power and generates his own. Could the Authority, the Commission, please look at an extension to this property and advise?

Answer:

Answered On: 06/07/2004

Answer: Power supply to Cave Creek Station has a long history. Cave Creek homestead is about 6km from the Stuart Highway, and there is no access road. The cost of extending power was prohibitive.

Jim Sullivan requested that power be extended along the old Mataranka-Barunga Road (from Mataranka Station), which is no longer used. It is not a gazetted road, and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment no longer maintain it. The road crosses Mataranka Station and the Elsey National Park before getting to Cave Creek Station. These are long thin properties east of the Stuart Highway. Mr Sullivan wanted the power extension to go north from Mataranka Homestead, crossing a third property (Elsey) in between.

The Corporation normally would not consider such an extension, because of the problems of maintaining access tracks, clearing trees, etc., on private property, where the property owner does not benefit.

However, the Corporation agreed last year to a direct extension, and advised Mr Sullivan accordingly. He has since obtained agreement from Mataranka Station and Parks and Wildlife (federal) to the extension, and he has had an easement surveyed.

A formal offer of supply (including costs) has now been sent to Mr Sullivan. We are awaiting a response.