

**REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF THE
LINESMAN'S HUTS ON THE FIFTEEN MILE
SPUR**

December 1999



View from 15 Mile Spur Lineman's huts

INTRODUCTION

HUT 1

The two huts on Fifteen Mile Spur (GR 260134 Khancoban 1:50 000) are situated on a very exposed part of the ridge and orientated east/west. The most westerly hut (from now on referred to as Hut 1) is shown in photograph A below.



Photograph A

The condition of the hut.

The hut is approximately 3m by 4m and the survey carried out on December 5 1999 identified the following problems

- the weather board cladding needs replacing on the northern wall and the lower northern end of the eastern wall
- where the weather boards are missing they have been replaced with iron sheeting (see photograph B)
- the roof appears to be sound but leaking in a number of spots
- the soffit lining has rotted out (see photograph C)
- the structure is sitting on two 100mm x 150mm x 5m wooden beams which are currently sound but are sitting in a bog (see photograph D)
- the north western corner of the hut is subsiding and twisting the framework of the hut (see photograph E)
- the internal masonite lining is rotting (see photograph F)
- A box covering a ventilation hole on the southern wall is rotting (see photograph E)
- The external cladding was once cream and is need of either repainting or oiling



Photograph B



Photograph C



Photograph D



Photograph E



Photograph F

HUT 2

The most easterly hut (Hut 2) is a skillion roofed hut in far better condition than Hut 1. It is a weather board structure of more recent vintage than Hut 1 and can be seen below in Photograph G.



Photograph G

The condition of Hut 2.

The hut is also approximately 2.5m by 4m and the survey carried out on December 5 1999 identified the following problems

- the paint on the external cladding is badly weathered (see photograph G)
- the roof appears to be sound but leaking in a number of spots
- the lining in the ceiling has rotten out (see photograph H)
- the wood stove has been removed(see photograph I)
- The internal cladding was once cream and is need of repainting.



Photograph H



Photograph I

PROPOSED REPAIRS TO BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 2000

HUT 1

REPAIR	MATERIALS REQUIRED
Repair roof	4 x 1.8 sheets of roof iron 4 litres of rust neutraliser 4 litres of slate grey roofing paint 1 x tube of silicon sealer
Replace and repair weatherboard	90 x lin m of 165mm weaterboard 3 kg of nails
Replace internal lining	60 x square metres of masonite sheeting 20m cover strips 50mm 2 kg of nails
Replace sofit lining	16 metres of 450mm fibro sofit lining 1kg of clouts
Replace and repair studs	2x 50 x 50 x 2.7m hardwood studs
Paint or oil for two coats for external cladding	Amount suitable for 100 square metres

HUT 2

REPAIR	MATERIALS REQUIRED
Repair roof	1m of flashing 1 tube of silicon sealer
Replace internal lining	12 square metres of masonite sheeting 2 kg of nails 12 m of 50mm cover strip 18 metres of quad
Repaint interior (fawn)	Amount suitable for 100 square metres
Paint for two coats for external cladding (heritage green)	Amount suitable for 100 square metres 4 litre x paint stripper