

Royal Commission appointed to Inquire into the Matter of the Accommodation and Arrangements for the Care and Treatment of Patients by the Wellington Hospital Board.

GEORGE THE SIXTH by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India :

To our Trusty and Loving Subjects HENRY AIKEN YOUNG, Esquire, of Christchurch, Principal Stipendiary Magistrate; DAVID STORER WYLIE, Esquire, C.M.G., C.B.E., of Palmerston North, Medical Practitioner; and HENRY HARDWICK-SMITH, Esquire, of Wellington, Medical Practitioner :
GREETING.

WHEREAS we are of opinion that inquiry should be made into the matter of the accommodation and arrangements for the care and treatment of patients by the Wellington Hospital Board :

Now, therefore, we, taking into consideration your impartiality, integrity, and ability do hereby constitute and appoint you the said

Henry Aiken Young,
David Storer Wylie, and
Henry Hardwick-Smith

to be a Commission to inquire into and report as to the following matters, namely :—

1. The existing accommodation, facilities for treatment of patients, and other working facilities afforded by the Wellington Hospital Board at the Wellington Public Hospital and otherwise.

2. (a) The extent, if any, to which such accommodation and facilities are inadequate; and

(b) The extent to which prospective needs of the Wellington Hospital District as regards hospital services should be provided for now or in the near future.

3. The steps that should be taken by the Wellington Hospital Board to meet any inadequacy of accommodation and facilities that you may find to exist and to meet any prospective needs of the Wellington Hospital District as regards hospital services which in your opinion should be the subject of immediate provision.

4. And in particular, having in view the attainment of efficiency, and adequacy of the services to patients, economy in building and maintenance, convenience to the public, and expedition in meeting requirements, as to the following questions, namely :—

(i) Whether it is desirable in the public interest that the Board should adhere to the present proposals for extending and improving the Wellington Public Hospital as described and contemplated in the Board's recent several applications to the Local Government Loans Board involving loans totalling £721,000, or whether those proposals should be modified, and, if so, in what respects, including the question of alternative site or sites.

(ii) Whether it is desirable in the public interest that the Board should take steps to establish a general hospital in the Hutt Valley, and, if so, what should be the scope of the treatment facilities and the bed-capacity and other accommodation provided in such hospital.

(iii) Whether the Board should take steps to establish a convalescent hospital, a recovery hospital, or other special institution in the district, and, if so, what should be the scope of treatment facilities, the bed-capacity, and other accommodation in and the location of any such institution, and what effect the establishment of such institution will have on the proposals referred to in paragraph 4 (1) above.

(iv) Whether the Board should take steps to extend its arrangements for medical and nursing attendance on patients in their own homes, and, if so, in what respects.

(v) In what order of precedence, if any, should such extensions and improvements as are recommended be undertaken; and generally any questions related to the provision of adequate and efficient services by the Board arising out of any of the aforesaid particular matters :

And we do further appoint you the said

Henry Aiken Young

to be Chairman of the said Commission :