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Working Group Section PT - Forestry

A meeting of the Working Group was held at the Department of Forestry, Australian National University, 14 November 1967.

Present: Professor J.D. Ovington (Convener)
Professor L.D. Pryor
Mr. J.H. Chinner

Apologies were received from Mr. G.N. Baur and Dr. J. Fielding.

The Working Group critically re-examined the four forestry projects proposed in November 1966 in the light of research results obtained in the intervening period particularly with respect to the problems involved in tree sampling. It was confirmed that the following four studies were worthwhile with the following order of priority.

1. Compilation of existing data relating to the growth of eucalypts outside Australia and the establishment of a central processing facility to evaluate these data.
2. Studies of production at marginal forestry sites particularly from the point of view of understanding the biological adaptation to the factors limiting productivity.
3. Production methodology in tropical forests.
4. Comparative production measurements for exotic plantation forests and neighbouring indigenous forests at a few carefully selected localities.

Some research is going on in all these subjects to varying degrees but if they are to be recognised internationally additional assistance is required. In the case of item 1, this assistance would be modest, possibly involving two appointments and office facilities. Various possible sources of funds were discussed.

With no additional funds, the working group felt the best way to proceed would be to try and integrate the diverse activities underway in order to make the most effective use of the available resources.

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