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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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REPRODUCTIVE WORKS.

PETITION FROM INHABITANTS OF PORT CYGNET.

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Presented by Mr. Kissock, July 28; and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
August 1, 1865.



*The Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled.*

The Memorial of the undersigned Inhabitants of Port Cygnet.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT we are of opinion that this Colony possesses within itself resources that, if properly developed, would render it one of the most prosperous, and one of the most desirable, of the Australian group.

That no country can progress that is destitute of suitable roads for the transmission of its produce to convenient markets.

That we need not remind you that this Colony is at present in a depressed state, and that many of the working classes of its inhabitants are undergoing grievous privations.

This state of things greatly affects other interests, and tends largely to lessen the Public Revenue.

A decrease in the population is a circumstance to be deplored, and is a misfortune not easily remedied. Nothing short of judicious legislation can prevent the partial depopulation of this Colony; for if its present depression is suffered to continue, without strenuous efforts being made to remove it, such of the working classes as can leave will do so, in the expectation of meeting with greater encouragement and of obtaining more remunerating employment elsewhere.

Several districts in this Colony could be opened up by the formation of Roads, which would not only give employment to those who need it, but the advantages to the inhabitants generally would be of a progressive and permanent nature.

We think nothing short of extensive Government Reproductive Works can save the Colony in its present transition state from utter ruin. The scheme proposed last Session of Parliament was a good one, and had it been carried out the country would not have been so depressed as it is at present. The Public Revenue would have been likewise greatly benefited, as would also the mercantile and trading interests, and large areas of land would have been opened up for agricultural purposes.

We earnestly pray your Honorable House to pass this scheme of Reproductive Works during the present Session of Parliament intact; and we will, as in duty bound, ever pray, &c.

*[Here follow 49 Signatures.]*