

***Bones for the Growling Dog?
The New State Movements in
Northern New South Wales
1915 - 1930***

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Derivation of the Title

It seems more than a coincidence that within a few months of the resumption of agitation for the New State the NSW Government intimated that the Tablelands to Coast railway would be referred to the Public Works Committee.

Speaking at Tenterfield on 5 June 1920, Michael Bruxner, one of the three members for the Northern Tablelands, said that he believed it was a ploy to keep the north quiet and he asked that no notice be taken of it. Bruxner called it the practice of "throwing a bone to the dog when he growled".¹

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1 inch	=	2.54 centimetres
1 foot	=	30.5 centimetres
1 mile	=	1.61 kilometres
1 acre	=	0.41 hectares
1 pound (weight)	=	0.45 kilograms
1 ton	=	1.02 tonnes
1 shilling = 12 pence	=	10 cents (in 1966)
£1 = 20 shillings	=	\$2.00 (in 1966)

Abbreviations

AA	Australian Archives, Canberra
ACP	Australian Country Party
<i>ADB</i>	<i>Australian Dictionary of Biography</i>
<i>AE</i>	<i>Armidale Express</i>
ALP	Australian Labor Party
<i>CPD</i>	<i>Commonwealth Parliamentary Debates</i>
<i>CRE</i>	<i>Clarence & Richmond Examiner</i> (Grafton)
FSA	Farmers & Settlers' Association
GA	Graziers' Association
<i>GDE</i>	<i>Grafton Daily Examiner</i>
GNR	Great Northern Railway
KC	King's Counsel
LA	Legislative Assembly
LC	Legislative Council
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly
MLC	Member of the Legislative Council
<i>NDL</i>	<i>Northern Daily Leader</i> (Tamworth)
NL	National Library of Australia, Canberra
NSM	[Northern] New State Movement
NSW	New South Wales
<i>NSWPD</i>	<i>New South Wales Parliamentary Debates</i>
PWC	Public Works Committee
Qld	Queensland
SA	South Australia
<i>SMH</i>	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>
Tas	Tasmania

Abbreviations (cont)

<i>TDO</i>	<i>Tamworth Daily Observer</i>
UNE	University of New England
UNEA	University of New England Archives
WA	Western Australia

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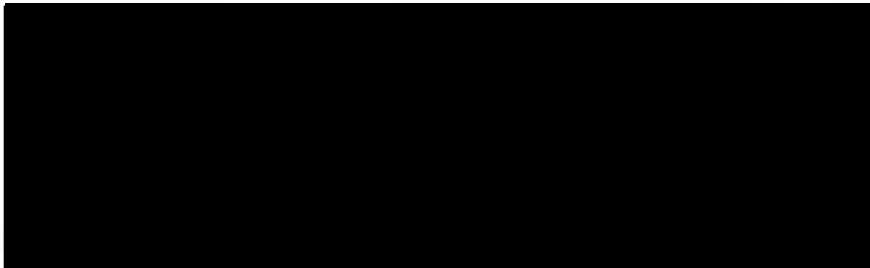
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