

History

Silkwood School 1916

The first approach for a school at Silkwood was made by the Liverpool Creek Settlers' Association.

In a letter dated Wednesday, 17th April, 1912, to the Under Secretary, Department of Education, Brisbane, the Secretary, Mr M J McNamee, said the area had about fourteen children of school age, and sought information about formal application for a Provisional School. Then on Monday, 6th May, 1912, the Association again wrote to the Department of Public Instruction, referring by name to a proposed Liverpool Creek-Maria Creek School. This letter pointed out that there were then eighteen school-age children of parents permanently resident in the area, that surveyors were engaged in the survey of the route of the North Coast Line, that the erection of a central sugar mill was anticipated, and that lack of a school has led families to leave the area and others to refuse to settle. Initial agitation for a school obviously proved fruitless, because a further letter dated Tuesday, 4th November, 1913, requested that the district be included in the programme of an itinerant teacher. On the bottom of this letter is an initialled comment dated Monday, 8th December, 1913, by a departmental officer.

