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From: McPherson, Kaylene M
Sent: Wednesday, 15 March 2017 10:40 AM
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Mobile: ■

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EXCERPT FROM "CENTRAL TELEGRAPH" BILOELA OF 30.8.72

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Words.....	TO (1) Callide Dawson News
Charge.....	Biloela Qld.
Time.....	(2) District Telephone Manager
By.....	ROCKHAMPTON Qld. STATE (not chargeable)

CASH REGISTER OR STAMPS
T.X. 41. Sch. 5525-68

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"Minute" Biloela 2.26.73
Eric Davis, Editor
"Biloela Telegraph"
has taken a photograph of the building under construction - 25% complete - contract intended to 5th March 1974
due to the shortage of trucks and other building materials.

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6% complete

Mainly with the supply of electrical & electrical equipment. See Mr Brisbane 30th April

Woods roads closed

Brisbane's local floods

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Mr. J. L. ... Biloela ...

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Press Release for 10/14/75
25 copies to OTM Rockham
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2 copies each to
Senator Lawrence &
Dr. Cunningham 7/14/75

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MR. DUBOIS SAID TRUNK CALL TRAFFIC TO AND FROM EXCHANGES IN THE BILOELA DISTRICT HAD SHOWN A STEADY INCREASE IN RECENT YEARS AND EXISTING EQUIPMENT INCLUDING MANUAL CALL ASSISTANCE POSITIONS WOULD SOON BE TOTALLY COMMITTED WITH NO CAPACITY FOR FURTHER EXPANSION.

"THE NEW BILOELA TRUNK SWITCHING CENTRE WILL PROVIDE STD FACILITIES BY MID 1977 FOR SUBSCRIBERS CONNECTED TO AUTOMATIC EXCHANGES IN THE BILOELA DISTRICT. THE EXCHANGES INVOLVED ARE BAUHINIA, CALLIDE, MARDALE, NIPAN, OOMBABEER, PEGUNNY AND SPIER. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT SOME EXISTING MANUAL EXCHANGES MAY ALSO BE CONVERTED TO AUTOMATIC WORKING FROM NOW UNTIL 1977 AND THESE EXCHANGES WOULD ALSO BE PROVIDED WITH STD ACCESS."