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NOTE	Presented by Oliver Simmonson, January 1989 The author graduated B.A. 1988. His history research grew from his experience as a meatworker over 20 years.
DESCRIPTION	Correspondence, newscuttings, taped interviews, reports, surveys, bibliographical lists and miscellaneous papers on three major strikes at Fitzroy River Abattoir - 1974, 1984 and 1986. Include select A.M.I.E.U. periodicals (1987-1988), papers on disputes at Lakes Creek, Townsville, Mudginberri and elsewhere. Extracts from articles on the Meat Slaughtering Industry, the history of Trade Unionism (Queensland and Australia), and on the contemporary economic situation, government policies and industrial relations.
FURTHER DESCRIPTIONS	Descriptive list available.

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Authorized by School of Humanities and Social Sciences, C.I.A.E. to research and compile an analytic history of major strikes at the Fitzroy River Abattoir, now Australian Meat Holdings. These papers cover three major strikes, 1974, 1984, 1986, together with the background material and history of the Labour movement in Australia.

- 955 .1 Correspondence and papers re thesis; format and research
- a) Format of thesis (outline notes).
 - b) Letter O. Simmonson 26 March 1988 to J. Hughes requesting assistance in research and compilation of thesis. With academic record and enrolment details C.I.A.E.
 - c) Letter O. Simmonson 26 March 1988 to L. A. Day requesting meeting and access to AMIEU records for research purposes (2 copies).
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- .2 Newsclippings - industrial disputes [largely 1974: 35% Wage claim]
- 1965, Nov. 1973 - Dec. 1974. Photocopies.
- The 1974 strike was virtually Australia wide with Fields among the forefront of union action.
- Include:
- Union labour force and conditions at C.Q.M.E. Co. 8 May 1965.
 - Disputes (pre strike negotiations etc.) 1973.
 - Strike action at Queensland abattoirs.
 - Negotiations and awards.
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Correspondence, reports and miscellaneous papers re: 1974 Dispute

Background negotiations, strike actions, settlement. With papers on the boning sections C.Q.M.E. Co. and Fitzroy Works.

Include:

- Letter E. C. Porteous 3 June 1971 to T. E. Maxwell (Central District Sec). re recommendations [Boning Room] to state executive from members Fitzroy River Abattoir.
- Report on results of negotiations with T. A. Field Group and the Union's Negotiating Committee re new agreement covering Bremer River Abattoir, Fitzroy River Abattoir ... 7 May 1974, (Wage claims & 36 hr.wk). 2 p.
- Letter T. E. Maxwell 4 July, 1974 to F. T. Hall (Federal Sec.) re C.Q.M.E.Co. refusal to pay waiting time to boners.
- Decisions of AMIEU Federal Executive re wage demands etc. 6 June 1974 - 4 July 1974. With resolutions, notification and reports on strike actions at Queensland abattoirs.
- Newsletters 26 June 1974, 19 July 1974, 15 Aug. 1974.
- Terms of settlement: Field Group and AMIEU industrial agreement 23 Aug. 1974. With wage rates incorporating 22% increase and negotiations re same.
- Field Group : Basis of calculation of value of boning a forquarter 15 Oct. 1974, 3 June 1975. Also report on same by L. A. Dennis 7 March 1975.
- Letter F. T. Hall 7 Jan. 1975 to T.E. Maxwell re dismissed boners at Lakes Creek.
- Circulars and extracts re future negotiations on instalment of boners etc. Jan-Feb. 1975.

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955 .4 Correspondence and papers re AMIEU and ALP
(Branch support) 1974-1975

Include:

- List of ALP contributors to election campaign 18 June 1974 [Fitzroy River Works].
- Circular - Queensland Branch Executive resolution 12 Nov. 1975 re 24 hr. stoppage - action in support of Labour Party and reaction to Whitlam sacking.
- Letter T. E. Maxwell 31 Dec. 1975 to C.A. Maxwell (Acting Sec. AMIEU), re. funds raised for member for Capricornia.

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.5 Correspondence and papers re 1984 Dispute:
Metro Meat Ltd. takeover of T.A. Fields

Include:

- T. A. Fields notice to employee's representatives re closure of meat processing operations 3 April 1984
- Letter Keith Wright 10 April 1984 to Jack Ware requesting re-employment of T. A. Field Workers at Fitzroy River Abattoir.
- Press statement (AMIEU Central District) re violence at picket line at the Fitzroy River Abattoir 11 March 1984 (with notes on same).
- Letter B. A. Enders 16 March 1984 to R. A. Aneer (State Sec. AMIEU) re commencement of Metro Meat Ltd. meat processing operations and conditions of employment (T. A. Field Award, Federal Meat Industry Award).

With letter from Doug Everingham 15 May 1984 re same (2p).

- Letters M. Russell (Central District Sec.) to editor of The Meatworker' on outline of 84 dispute, 24 July 1984 and end of dispute 30 Aug. 1984. (2 papers).