

## SOURCE ANALYSIS - PRIMARY SOURCES

- **The Barrier Miner (1931). Sir John Monash - The State Funeral**  
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/46626111>
  - The Barrier Miner newspaper dating back to 1931 narrates the procession of the funeral of John Monash, describing details from the number of people present to the overall environment.
- **The Age (1922). Control of Electricity - The Official Inquiry. P.14. (Primary)**
  - The Age newspaper on an inquiry into the undertakings of the SEC. The article leans in favour of the SEC through disproportionately citing the views of its supporters.
- **Lyle, T. R., Swinburne, G., & McKinstry, A. (1919). *Report of the Electricity Commissioners on the Utilization of Brown Coal and Water Power for the Production of Electrical Energy*. Melbourne: Albert J Mullet. Government Printer.**
  - The report outlines a skeleton of a the Victorian grid. Its authors, all engineers, are in favour of its construction. They provide expert opinion on the importance of the project and outline the infrastructure, technology, and funds required for the undertaking. Their emphasis on urgency and weight they place on the project is likely exaggerated given the emotive language used.
- **Monash, J., Lyle, T. R., Swinburne, G., & Gibson, R. (1921). *Second Annual Report* (pp. 4-10). Melbourne: Albert J Mullet. Government Printer.**
  - The report is a financial overview of the commission's spending, and has no purpose other than reporting on annual spending.
- **The Register (1925). Electricity in Victoria - Sir John Monash Optimistic. P.10.**
  - The newspaper takes on Monash's optimism, presenting the SEC's achievements in a positive light. The newspaper is based in Adelaide and therefore wouldn't have benefited from the infrastructural project occurring in the neighbouring state. It nonetheless welcomes the developments in Victoria, giving Monash a platform to advertise its success in the context of an increasingly electrified Australia.
- **The Age (1922). German Experts Barred - Electricity Commissioner's Attitude. P.13.**
  - The newspaper gives a platform for Monash to state his opinion on the matter of German engineers' not being granted temporary Australian residence. No commentary is given alongside this statement.
- **The Argus (1922). German Experts Cannot Enter Australia. P.6.**
  - The newspaper documents the government's refusing temporary residence for German engineers. Its commentary criticises this decision as it halts the development of the Victorian grid.
- **The Argus (1922). German Experts - Satisfactory Assurances Given. P.11.**
  - The article is a short two-paragraph statement that confirms the arrival of German engineers. In this space there is no room for commentary and so the article is more descriptive than analytical.
- **Punch (1907). Black Coal and Brown. P.5. (Primary)**
  - Newspaper opinion piece criticising Victoria's reliance on NSW black coal reserves while Victoria itself has rich deposits of brown coal. It takes a strong

position against this arrangement and criticises the government's inaction in dealing with the issue. It is unclear whether this is representative of a popular opinion or not, but for the purpose of this text, it demonstrates that electrical power generation was discussed to an extent at the time.

- **Merz, C. H. (1919). *Report on the Scheme for the Generation of Electricity*. Melbourne:Albert J Mullet. Government Printer. P.5. (Primary)**
  - This is an analysis of the SEC's proposed grid by a C.H. Merz, a well-respected electrical engineer from England, who themselves made a similar proposal to the UK Parliament in 1908. Merz's background in supporting such an infrastructural project suggests he has an interest in seeing to the success of this system, suggesting the urgency with which he delivers the recommendation is exaggerated.
- **The Age (1922). Sir John Monash Replies to Manifesto. P.8. (Primary)**
  - The newspaper article simply publishes Monash's statement in response to a manifesto set forth by the Electric Control Defence Committee. The statement is unabridged.

## SECONDARY SOURCES

- <http://adb.anu.edu.au/lifefsummary/monash-sir-john-7618> - A table listing several items, people, and events relating to John Monash.
- <https://www.monash.edu/about/who/history/sir-john-monash> - Monash University summary of John Monash and what he represents for the university
- **National Archives of Australia. (2018).**  
<http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/fact-sheets/fs121.aspx>
  - A fact sheet from the National Archives of Australia with links to several items related to John Monash.
- **Hutchinson & Co. Ltd. (1949). *THREE DECADES - The Story of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria from its Inception to December 1948*. Melbourne. (Secondary)**
  - Book commissioned by the SEC outlining the SEC's history and significance in Australia. Given that the book was written for the purposes of promoting the SEC, it's likely that the perception it presents has a positive bias toward the SEC and its actions. No single author is credited for the authorship of this book, so its source is unknown.
- **Pre-Decimal Inflation Calculator. (2018). Retrieved from**  
<https://www.rba.gov.au/calculator/annualPreDecimal.html> (I don't even know what this is)
  - The inflation calculator was created by the RBA, and is accurate (I don't know what else to say)
- **Spaull, A. (1969). *SIR JOHN MONASH AND THE STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA, 1920–1931*. Australian Journal Of Public Administration, 28(2), 229-238. (Tertiary)**
  - Spaull's article highlights the lack of scholarship regarding John Monash's time as State Electricity Commissioner and argues for further studies in this area.