

**William Cooper, Honorary Secretary, Australian Aborigines' League, to the Premier of New South Wales, Bertram Stevens, 25 April 1939, New South Wales Archives and Records, NRS 12060, Item No. [12/8749-8750]**

At a meeting convened by this organisation but attended by a large number of the General Public, the following resolution has been carried, "That this meeting of Victorian Citizens strongly criticises the Government of New South Wales for its failure to appoint an impartial enquiry into the just grievances of the aborigines of Cumeroogunga. It urges that an enquiry be immediately held and that Mr Mark Davidson, M.L.A. be appointed to conduct the enquiry".

In forwarding this resolution I would express disappointment in that our protests and requests in the matter have not resulted in more than an acknowledgement. No other State fails to respond to our correspondence, whatever their decision may be. In the Federal sphere the utmost courtesy and consideration is always shown and this we claim is consistent with the principles of British Justice which should be accorded to a persecuted minority.

May I have the Honor of a reply from you at an early date. The position at Cumeroogunga is now more acute for the Manager is intensifying the persecution we have had to bear in the past. It is now almost intolerable. If public opinion only knew the nature and extent of the persecution, victimisation, stoppage of rations, there would be a great outcry. If you knew yourself, it would stop at once.