

**William Cooper, Honorary Secretary, Australian Aborigines' League, to the Prime Minister, Joseph Lyons, 26 October 1937, National Archives of Australia, A461, A300/1, Part 3**

Sincerest congratulations on your return from the electorate for another term of service to Australia. We are particularly glad that ensures a continuity of sympathy so appreciated from your good self and the Minister for the Interior.

You will not deem it an impertinence when I say that I trust, if reports in the press of the likely retirement of Mr Paterson from the Ministry for the Interior is correct, that your new selection will be made with due regard for the important factor of Native Affairs. Mr Paterson's sincere regard, for his attitude has been more than interest, for his dark charges will enshrine his memory to the aborigines able to appreciate his good work on their behalf.

Very genuinely and appreciatively yours.