

***Argus*, 26 October 1937, p. 6, Petition to the King. Grievances of Aborigines**

For the first time in history Australian aborigines have petitioned the King. The document prepared by Mr W. Cooper, honorary secretary of the Australian Aborigines' League, asks that the race be protected by granting it the power to propose a member of the Federal Parliament as its representative.

The petition has been signed by 1,814 aborigines from all parts of Australia, mostly from mission stations. It has been sent to the Governor-General for despatch to the King by the hands of the Prime Minister, who has already acknowledged receipt of the petition and promised to give it early consideration.

The text of the petition runs ...