

William Cooper, Honorary Secretary, Australian Aborigines' League, to the Prime Minister, Joseph Lyons, 19 May 1938, National Archives of Australia, A659, 1940/1/858

At a meeting convened by this league and attended by hundreds of white citizens the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That this meeting of Victorian citizens criticises the Government of Western Australia for the deplorable conditions existing amongst Western Australian aborigines and half castes, particularly the half-castes in the South West, where only a very small percentage of children are receiving any education whatever and the ration allowance for adults is valued at less than 1/- per week.

This meeting also urges that proper educational facilities be immediately established and that the Franchise, full sustenance allowance and all other Social Services be granted without delay.

It recommends that the financing of aboriginal administration should be on a National basis.

The meeting was held on Yarra Bank, on the afternoon of Sunday, 8th instant, and was well attended by unionists who also passed a motion calling on all Trades Unions to support the claims of aborigines.