

William Cooper, Honorary Secretary, Australian Aborigines' League, to the Premier of New South Wales, Bertram Stevens, 23 May 1938, New South Wales Archives and Records, NRS 12060, Item No. [12/8749-8750]

With further reference to the matter of the sanitary service at Cumeroogunga and our request for improvement to which we have not had a reply.

May I request that the matter be referred to the Dept. of Health for report as we feel that our representations will be supported?

We do feel that a sceptic tank system should be supplied but, if not, then proper pans, cleaned often enough, with better W.C.'s should be supplied. There should be lids to the seats so that the present experience, flies one moment on the excreta and the next on the food, should be minimized. As I pointed out previously, the present W.C.'s are so foul-smelling, with kero tins for pans and overflowing, that people only go to them from sheer necessity.

I am appealing to you personally as I feel that our people should have something than the conditions now applying.

Trusting to hear from you soon.