

William Cooper to the Victorian Board for Protection of the Aborigines, undated [19 September 1933]), National Archives of Australia, Victorian Board for the Protection of the Aborigines, Aborigines Case Files: William Cooper, CRS B337, 187

On behalf of my people I have the honour to most humbly approach you. Seeking your permission to send to, and have signed by the Aboriginal population under your Charge, the undermention petition a Copy of which is to be forwarded to His Majesty King George V of England asking him on our behalf to do his utmost in taking suitable steps in preventing the extinction of the Aborigines race. Obtaining better conditions for all. Obtaining Power to propose a Member of Parliament to be Chosen by My People to represent them in the Federal Parliament.

Trusting that my humble request will receive every Consideration. I have the Honour to be yours sir obediently ...