

William Cooper, Honorary Secretary, Australian Aborigines' League, to the Minister for the Interior, John McEwen, 17 July 1938, National Archives of Australia, A659, 1940/1/858

The attached copy of a resolution by an executive meeting of the league yesterday is forwarded to you though we realise that the matter does not concern your department. It does concern a statement issued by your Mr Carrodus which, according to Press statements, said that effort was being made by the Federal Government to induce State Governments to bring all aboriginal legislation into line on the basis of the recently enacted legislation of Western Australia.

The legislation we consider to be a worse enslavement of our race than applied previously. We have protested against it to the Western Australian government.

In saying this I feel that I must say how deeply we appreciate the difference in the attitude of the Federal Government. We do not get all we want nor all we feel we should get but we do get the will to do a fair thing and this we feel will ultimately bring us to the full status of the White race.

We are glad to feel that the Federal Government is made up of those who can be called our friends.