

***Argus*, 29 September 1933, p. 12, Rights of Aborigines. Political Representation Proposed**

Perth ... — The chief protector of aborigines (Mr. A. O. Neville) has received a letter from Mr William Cooper, of Ballarat Road, Footscray, Melbourne, asking for permission to send a petition for signature by the aborigines in Mr. Neville's charge, with the object of obtaining representation for them in the Federal Parliament. Mr Neville said that although no official action had yet been taken, he was sure that Mr. Cooper would not be prevented circulating a petition among the aborigines. The estimated aboriginal population last year was 28,481, comprising 14,766 full-bloods, 3,715 half-castes, and 10,000 outside the influence of civilisation.