

William Cooper to the Prime Minister, Joseph Lyons, 23 October 1933, National Archives of Australia, A431, 1949/1591

I would like to draw your attention to the splendid action of a Sister Colony of our Empire, the Governing Powers having seen fit to provide ways and means to preserve the Eskimo Race. Surely some consideration can be given to our own Race here, to prevent their extinction and so help hold up the dignity of the British Empire.

A petition similar to the enclosed has been forwarded on to Sydney, South Australia, Queensland, Perth and Victoria Boards for Protection of Aborigines, and the following have replied viz.—Sydney. Referred to Commonwealth Government. South Aust. The wards have permission to sign. Brisbane. Has refused permission to get signatures. Victoria. Have forwarded to Manager of Lake Tyres and West. Australia have not replied.

These results are very disjointed and unsatisfactory thus leaving it for me to approach you with my appeal.

I have the Honour to remain.