

**William Cooper to the Minister for the Interior, J. A. Perkins, 13 January 1934,
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On behalf of the members of my race, I'm exceedingly pleased to convey to you, our commendation for the action and stand you have taken, and valuable suggestions for the relief of the Aborigines and half-castes; also, the report of half-caste girls who have had such good instruction, and by their citizenship proves and dispels the idea, that no good could come of training them to white peoples custom and habits.

The arrangement of Married Police protectors is a step in the right direction, yet, we think if a Separate body of protectors be appointed (Married by All means) who have been properly instructed to win the confidence of the pure Aborigine, greater results and more relations would be established as a native is naturally antagonistic to Officialdom a Police protector always carries, even if he has not got any uniform on when in touch with them, this is one thing to be avoided, to prove to them the Honesty of the Government instructions, as the Aboriginal is very quick in observation.