

William Cooper to the Prime Minister, Joseph Lyons, 20 June 1934, National Archives of Australia, A431, 1949/1591

As it is the intention to present a Deputation consisting of a Representative from each State of the Aboriginal Races, sometime during November next, to wait upon the Federal Parliament to proffer their petition to appeal for more amelioration and better conditions than those existing, as, the very hard treatment some are receiving, which only causes bitter feeling and a desire to do something desperate in spite, and so increase greater difficulties to overcome before a proper understanding can be gained.

Would you, as Premier arrange for a free pass of transport for one representative from each State to the Federal Parliament, as they have no other means by which they can get there. I may state that Dr Maloney is in support of my application for this assistance.

Trusting that my humble request will receive every consideration, I have the honour to be.