

***Sun* (Melbourne), 22 February 1929, p. 8, Aboriginal Writes to Minister. Native State Commendable, But Not Practicable**

“The proposal for establishing a native state is a commendable scheme, but I fear it is an impossibility with the present generation”, writes Shadrach L. James, who describes himself as an aboriginal native of Barmah in a letter to the Minister for Home Affairs.

Commenting on the recent report on aborigines, Mr James suggests a start could be made for the ultimate realisation of the scheme, by educating and training natives for filling responsible positions in such a state.

Mr Abbott has expressed a wish to see Mr James at a conference in Melbourne shortly to discuss the welfare of aborigines.