

**William Cooper, Honorary Secretary, Australian Aborigines' League, to the Minister for the Interior, Thomas Paterson, 16 January 1937, National Archives of Australia, A659, 1942/1/8104**

I enclose herewith a copy of an agenda of proposals for consideration by the forthcoming conference of Chief Protectors and other administrative officers. I will send a copy also to each Minister of the Crown concerned and one to the Prime Minister. I do trust that our proposals will have due consideration.

Our conditions in certain parts of Australia are shocking beyond words yet there is the will to do a fair thing by us. The difficulty of finance is the trouble. If the State concerned were assured of adequate subsidy there would not be any difficulty and it is only fair that those states with few aborigines should come to the aid of those who have many.

We particularly urge a national policy and the spreading of the burden over the whole Commonwealth. We are satisfied that a courageous policy will save our race, making them a most valuable unit in the Commonwealth and will put us on the way to full self support.

Thank you for the good will you have toward us as evidenced in your administration of the Commonwealth portion of the problem.