

APPEAL

To Men and Women of New South Wales.

We implore your generous assistance in our effort to obtain simple justice for the aboriginals of this State. Our requests are few and their equity cannot be denied. We are only asking for citizen rights as set out in the following request made to the State Government, viz.:-

- (a) That all capable aboriginals shall be given in fee simple sufficient good land to maintain a family,
- (b) That the family life of the aboriginal people shall be held sacred and free from invasion and that the children shall be left in the control of their parents.
- (c) That the incapables of the Aboriginal Community (the direct liability of the Government consequent upon neglect in the past) be properly cared for in suitable homes on reserves, the full expense of such establishments to be borne by the Government.
- (d) That the supervision of all such aboriginal Homes, Hostels or Reserves be entrusted to the educated aboriginals possessing the requisite ability for such management.
- (e) That the control of aboriginal affairs, apart from common law rights, shall be vested in a board of management comprised of capable educated aboriginals under a chairman to be appointed by the Government.

We confidently anticipate your kindly endorsement of this just request, feeling sure that it is your desire to give our people and their children every reasonable opportunity in our own land. We are only asking to be given the same privileges regarding our family life as are being freely offered to people from other countries.

Committing our plea for assistance to your characteristic love of fair play, we are,

Gratefully yours,

F. G. MAYNARD, President,
T. LACFY, Hon. Treasurer.

For and on behalf of the members of
The Australian Aboriginal Progressive Association.