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PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

THE HUMBLE PETITION of the Electors of the State of New South Wales respectfully sheweth – The Aboriginal Residents of Australia suffer under disabilities political, social and economic, and that these in important respects are not remediable without Amendment of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, and that Aborigines are entitled to human rights equally with other Australians –

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY

THAT the Government of the Commonwealth bring down a Constitution Alteration Bill in the Parliament of the Commonwealth, and submit the Bill when passed to a Referendum of the people, each at the earliest practicable date, so as to:

(1) Delete the words underlined in Section 51 (xxvi) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth (other than "the aboriginal race in any State") which gives power to the Parliament of the Commonwealth to make laws with respect to "the people of any race, *other than the aboriginal race in any State* for whom it is deemed necessary to make special laws", and

(2) Delete Section 127 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth which reads, "In reckoning the numbers of the people of the Commonwealth, or of a State or other part of the Commonwealth, aboriginal natives shall not be counted".

AND your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

SIGNATURES	ADDRESSES