



# HOW EQUAL IS AN ABORIGINE ON £3/3/3 A WEEK?

## NATIONAL PETITION

### TOWARDS EQUAL WAGES FOR ABORIGINES

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled. The Petition of the undersigned citizens of the Commonwealth sheweth.

That the operation of the "Terms and Conditions of Employment of Wards" under the Wards' Employment Ordinance 1953-60 of the Northern Territory means that Aborigines now citizens are still paid approximately one-fifth of the basic wage;

That these wage rates for Aborigines are inconsistent with the avowed Commonwealth policy which seeks that Aborigines shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as other Australians;

We therefore humbly pray that the Commonwealth Government repeal the Wards' Employment Ordinance and legislate to provide at least the basic wage for all Aboriginal workers, in the Northern Territory.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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This petition should be returned to:

Dr B. Christophers, Hon. Secretary, 366 Church Street, Richmond, Victoria.

Authorised by the Equal Wages for Aborigines Committee, a sub-committee of the Federal Council for Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.

Please find enclosed the sum of £..... being a contribution towards the activities of the Equal Wages for Aborigines Committee.

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