

Broad Arrow
Western Australia

28. 8. 1961

Miss Shirley Andrews

The Honorary Secretary

The Council for Aboriginal Rights

Dear Madam,

My Mother has lived in civilisation for 50 years and is capable of using her own intelligence and applying her intelligence to the use of money. She is capable of using her pension. I am writing to you on her behalf. I can't see any reason why she should not hold her pension in her hands. She knows the value of money.

My mother's intention is to live at Broad Arrow where I am employed by the West Australian Government Railways, and she asks me to obtain permission from Mr Beharrell who is the District Government Officer for Native Welfare for Kalgoorlie for my mother to live with me in my home at Broad Arrow where I can give her a room for herself.

If the warrantee holds this money she does not know what she does own. I find that the warrantee, Mr Gresswell, holds eighty pounds of my Mother's money because he told me so. Mr Gresswell told me that my mother has to have a warrantee in ^{in Broad Arrow} before she can have her pension granted to her.

because I do not want my mother to have a warrant
draw her fortnightly pension at Broad Arrow Post
Office. My Mother held her own little pension slip
card at Leonora and used to go every fortnight for
her pension. She used to buy clothes, shoes and
food.

Yours faithfully,

Reg Johnston.