

Lake Tyers Settlement

SIR, — STUART SAYERS'S article "The Age" (11/5) ignores the all-important fact that the majority of the aboriginal people of Lake Tyers have expressly stated that they do not wish to leave the settlement on which they were born and which they regard as home.

The aborigines at Lake Tyers want it to be built up as a co-operative-cum-training farm.

At present, the Victorian Government is squandering just on £28,000 a year to keep these people in wretchedness.

The aborigines of the Cabbage Tree Island reserve (N.S.W.) were in a similar state of dejection and hopelessness until a similar co-operative farming project was started there four or five years ago.

Now the people have a new attitude to life and work—they are as zestful a bunch of farmers as one would find, and are well on the road to success.

Why cannot the Victorian Government give our aborigines a similar chance?

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