

SIR, — Mr. MEAGHER, M.P. (chairman, Aborigines' Welfare Board, Victoria) was not very convincing in his letter (10/5) concerning the treatment of aborigines in Victoria.

In theory, Victoria's aborigines have equal rights as citizens, but their homes can still be entered by the police at any hour of the day or night, and without a warrant. I doubt if they have equal employment opportunities. Would an aborigine get a job if a white applicant were available?

The claim that "during the past six years the board has rehoused aboriginal families found living in humpies . . ." fails to mention how many have been rehoused, or what standard houses they have been moved into.

I understand the houses are very much inferior to those built for white working class families by the Housing Commission, and there are still very many families existing in tents and makeshift shelters in the scrub.

Pastor Nicholls's resignation from the board was courageous and timely, helping to focus attention on the seriousness of the threat to the Lake Tyers settlement and the plight of the residents there.

This final act of dispossession of the last piece of land left to them in Victoria is too callous for most of us to swallow.

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