

SIR, — 'AS A CITIZEN of Victoria I protest against the proposed "take-over" by interested parties of the land reserved at Lake Tyers for aborigines.

At the Lake Tyers settlement these people have developed roots. They have a sense of belonging to a community.

Although the object of assimilating aborigines into the general community is laudable, it is to be expected that many of them will, for some years, suffer from the anonymity which is a consequence of rootlessness.

I suggest that until integration has been finally achieved, the Lake Tyers land be retained as a home to which aborigines can return periodically.

The knowledge that "home" is still there could assist the process of assimilation.

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