



Papers of Michelle Grattan on Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Scope and content note

These papers which were used by Michelle Grattan when she was the Political Editor for *The Age*, in the Press Gallery, Parliament House, Canberra.

They cover a wide range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues, including health, land rights, the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, education and housing. Included are correspondence, ministerial statements, journal articles, unpublished reports and papers such as the one by A. Kalokerinos on 'Scurvy and infant mortality'. There are *Hansard* pages, handwritten notes, annual reports of government departments, conference reports, newspaper clippings, press releases, submissions to committees and to government, draft articles, a Boyer lecture, and parliamentary questions and answers. Many of the papers are annotated photocopies.

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Provenance

The collection was deposited with the AIATSIS Library, by Michelle Grattan in May 1980.

Material separated from collection

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Arrangement of collection

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Political commentator and journalist, Michelle Grattan, born on June 30 1944, was educated at Ruyton Grammar School and the University of Melbourne, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Degree.

Grattan joined *The Age* in 1970 and was its Chief Political Correspondent from 1976 until 1993. In 1993 she became the first female editor of a metropolitan daily newspaper in Australia when she was appointed Editor of the *Canberra Times*. She has since been Political Editor of *The Age* (1995-96); Chief Political Correspondent for the *Australian Financial Review* (1996-98) and of *The Sydney Morning Herald* (1999-2002); and she is currently a columnist for *The Age*.

Grattan is Adjunct Professor in the School of Journalism and Communication, University of Queensland and is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia.

In 1988 Grattan was the Australian Journalist of the Year and in 2003 she was awarded the Order of Australia for 'services to journalism through commentary on politics and government and analysis of Australian civic life.'

Grattan's published works include *Reformers: Shaping Australian Society from the 60s to the 80s*, co-authored with Margaret Bowman (1989), and *Can Ministers Cope? Australian Federal Ministers at Work*, co-authored with Patrick Weller (1981). She edited *Reconciliation: Essays on Australian Reconciliation* (2000) and *Australian Prime Ministers* (2001)

Reference:

Canberra Times, 26 January 2004, p. 7

Who's who in Australia 2002, p. 783

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series 1 Senate Standing Committee on Social Environment, 1970-75

The Committee inquired into the environmental conditions of Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders and the preservation of their sacred sites. This series mainly consists of submissions covering a wide range of topics such as health, housing, education, justice and employment. Submissions are from individuals, such as Doreen E. Trainor and Susan Chilly and from organizations such as the National Council of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Women and the Aboriginal Advancement Council of W.A. (Inc). There are also submissions on behalf of medical institutions such as the West Gippsland Hospital, Warragul, Victoria.

The submissions have been grouped together where there are several submissions covering one topic. Most submissions cover multiple issues. See also Series 3, Education for submissions on education.

Submissions to the Committee are also held by the Library at SF 33.1/1. These are listed in the Institute's Mura®, the AIATSIS catalogue at <http://mura.aiatsis.gov.au>.

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- 1 Submissions on education, 1972-73
 - 'Education', from M. O'Brien on behalf of the New Era Aboriginal Fellowship
 - 'Formal education of children of Aboriginal descent in Western Australia', from Margaret Helen Henderson, Department of Anthropology, University of Western Australia
 - 'Description of fundamental principles and curriculum of proposed primary school at Oombulgurri'
 - Submission on Aboriginal education in Queensland

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- Pre-School education, by A.F.H. Matthews, Carpentaria Aerial Mission, 1973
- Submission from the University of Sydney Department of Education Bernard Van Leer Foundation Project, 1972
- 'A report... ', Department of Education, Queensland
- 'Aboriginal education in the Northern Territory', Department for the Interior, 1972
- 'Direct responsibilities of the Department of Education and Science in the education and vocational training of Aborigines', Department of Education and Science, 1972

2 Submissions on employment, 1972

- 'Submission on employment and training', by the Department of Labour and National Service, 1972
- 'Vocational education and employment', Department of the Interior, 1972

3-4 Submissions on health, 1972-75

- Approaches to Aboriginal health: interim report of the Medical Sub-Committee of the New Era Aboriginal Fellowship, 1972 and brief report, 1973
- 'Report on situation of nursing sisters and Papunya', requested by Sister Joan Armstrong and Dr Barry Whittenbury for the Northern Territory Medical Services, 1975
- 'Community health services' [Western Australia], from Dr L. Holman
- 'Health of the Australian Aboriginal in W.A.', from W.S. Davidson, Commissioner of Public Health
- Submission from Ric Bouvier, Morwell Medical Clinic
- 'A submission by H.A. Hewson, M.H.R. on behalf of the West Gippsland Hospital, Warragul, Victoria', July 1973
- 'Situation at Warrigul [sic] Hosp. in Jan-March 1972 with regard to Aboriginal patients', National Council of Aboriginal and Island Women
- Submission, by Naomi Mayers and Dr R. Laing on behalf of the Aboriginal Medical Service, 1973
- 'Health', Department of the Interior, 1972
- 'Proposal for Aboriginal Mental Health Education Service', submitted by Education Coordinator, Mental Health Services of Western Australia, 1973
- Submission from Australian Department of Health, 1973

5 Submissions on housing, 1972-73

- 'Aboriginal housing requirements in Western Australia', from Ken Colbung, 1973
- 'Aboriginal housing in the Northern Territory', Department of the Interior, 1972

6 Submissions relating to justice and the law, 1973-75

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- Submission from the Justice Committee, New Era Aboriginal Fellowship Inc and the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia, 1973
- 'Aboriginal relationship to law enforcement', from Western Australian Commissioner of Police, 1973
- Incidents at Finke, 1970-75, including submission from A.C. Schweiger, statements by Justin Moloney and John McNeill, a letter of complaint about the closure of the Finke Post Office in 1975, by Justin Moloney and 'Some details of Finke Post Office closure 17-19 June 75', from an unknown author.
- Incidents between Aboriginals and police at Cloncurry, correspondence and copy of a newspaper articles
- 'Police conduct with respect to accused persons', from Aborigines and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (Qld), 1975
- 'Aboriginal involvement with the law', submission by the Commissioner of Police, Tasmania,
- 'Queensland's new legislation for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders' and Postscript to a submission, from Garth Nettheim, Professor of Law, University of New South Wales

7 Submissions on sacred sites, 1972

- 'The preservation and significance of sacred sites', Western Australian Museum
- 'Preservation and significance of sacred sites of Australian Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders', Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies
- 'Preservation and significance of sacred sites', Department of the Interior, 1972

8 Submissions covering multiple issues, 1972-73

- 'Aboriginal Australians', from Council for Aboriginal Affairs, 1972
- Submission from Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, 1972
- Submission from the Aboriginal Information Service, Tasmania, 1973
- Statement by Doreen E. Trainor, 1973
- 'Submission on environmental conditions of Aborigines', from C.M. Tatz, 1972
- 'Submission on certain aspects...' and 'Supplementary statement...', from Stan Davey and Jan Richardson, 1972
- Submissions on life and circumstances of Aborigines, from Ward McNally, 1973

9 Submissions covering multiple issues, 1972-74

- 'Environmental conditions of the Aborigines' submission from G.A. Pearson, 1972
- Preamble and Submission from Cecil Holmes, 1972
- Submission on health, education and general welfare from the Save the Children Fund, 1973
- Submission from Frank Stevens, 1974

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- Submissions, from J. Downing. Covers police, policy of self-determination, consultants, education, legal aid, Alice Springs fringe dwelling Aborigines and Cattle Station Project

10 Submissions covering multiple issues, 1973

- 'Brutality towards Australian Aborigines - W.A. style', from Doreen E. Trainor
- Submission from James M. Stuckey, General Secretary, Australian Presbyterian Board of Missions
- Submission from the United Church in North Australia Arnhem Land Civic and Economic Development Council and further submission, 1973
- 'Submission from W.F. Willesee, Minister for Community Welfare, Western Australia
- Letter requesting correction of own reference on Traralgon, from National Council of Aboriginal and Island Women, 1973
- Submission by Department for Community Welfare, Perth, W.A.
- Submission from Susan Chilly

11 Submissions covering multiple issues, 1970-73

- 'A submission by the Hope Vale Mission Board concerning Hope Vale Mission, Cooktown, and Bloomfield River Mission, Ayton, via Cooktown', from Ivan L. Roennfeldt (Pastor, Chairman) and D.M. Pietsch (Executive Officer), 1972
- Submission from One People of Australia League (OPAL)
- 'Aboriginal affairs in Victoria', from D.K. Irons, President, Victorian Branch, Australian Association of Social Workers, 1972
- Letter (1972) and 'Recommendations' from the Aboriginal Advancement Council of W.A.
- Submission from the Aboriginal Advancement Council of W.A. Welfare Section, 1973
- 'Australian Institute of Welfare Officers (Western Australian Branch) Summary of evidence to...'
- Submission from Anne Urban, Schools Medical Officer, N.T.M.S. [Northern Territory Medical Service], Southern Division
- 'Social change and the Aboriginal Australians of Central Australia: a study of factors inhibiting social change and of policies and methods which can stimulate social change', from Paul G.E. Albrecht, 1970

12 Submissions covering multiple issues, 1971-73

- Submission by Len Watson
- Letter from Thomas Geia, Chairman [Palm Island Council?], 1972
- 'Thursday Island - forgotten island', an article by Gene James
- 'Submission by Paulian Association, Sydney, from Eugene D. Stockton, Chaplain to Aborigines, 1971

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- Letter from E. Stockton, 1973
- Submission from Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs (Victoria)
- 'Submission by Finke River Mission'
- Submission by E.M. Eggleston, Director, Centre for Research in Aboriginal Affairs, Monash University
- Submission from the Department of the Interior, 1972
- Submission on behalf of the Board of Ecumenical Mission and Relations of the Presbyterian Church of Australia
- Report of difficulties faced by Aborigines in Queensland, [no source or date]
- Discrimination in golf, from Bern Smith, Manager, Rosny Park Public Golf Course.
- Submission by Western Australian Division of the Save the Children Fund

13 Submissions covering multiple issues, 1971-73

- Submission on the effects of legislation on the living conditions of, and community development among, the Indigenous peoples of Queensland, from Abschol
- Letter from Charles Perkins regarding his submission, 1973
- 'Economic, social and cultural rights', submission from David R. Anderson, Member for Mallee Region, Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Council, 1972
- Submission and Supplementary submission from A. Barrie Pittock, 1973
- 'Palm Island incident', statement by Harry Penrith, 15 May 1973
- 'Aboriginal affairs in Queensland', [no author], 1972
- Australian Council of Churches submission, March 1972
- Australian Council of Churches (A.C.C) submission, from the A.C.C. Commission on Aboriginal Development, May 1972
- 'Report by Douglas Nicholls of his trip through Docker River, Wingellina, Mt. Davis', September 1972
- 'Report on visit to Warburton Ranges, Wingelina, Docker River and Mt. Davis areas during the first three weeks in April 1971', by Doug Nicholls and Kevin Henrichsen
- Report of a tour of the Warburton Ranges, by Doug Nicholls, 1971
- Suggestions for possible development in the Blackstone-Wingellina area, by David Hewitt, 1972

14-15 Submissions covering multiple issues, 1972-73

- Submission from J.H. Downing, United Church of Australia
- 'Examination and assessment of the problems of juvenile deviant behaviour in Aboriginal communities in the north west of South Australia', by J.H. Downing, 1971
- Submission from the Department of Aboriginal Affairs

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16 Submissions covering multiple issues, 1972-75, including

Senate Standing Committee on Social Environment (Reference Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders) Official Hansard report proof copies, 27 February, 3 March, 6 March, 27 March, 10 April, 17 April and 21 April 1972; a press release (23 February 1972) and programs for meetings for some sessions in 1972 and 1975

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Series 2 Land rights, 1963-76

This series contains correspondence, notes, newspaper copy, drafts of articles, newspaper clippings, press releases, booklets, copies of parliamentary questions and answers, ministerial statements, a Gurindji Action Public Meeting notice and other papers, mainly on land rights. A number of papers relate in particular to the Gurindji claim to part of the Wave Hill leasehold and the establishment of a village on this land and to the Yirrkala claim and mining rights on the Gove Peninsula.

Also included are

- Papers from Abschol on land rights, particularly the Gurindji claim, and on Aboriginal welfare, including 'Wattie Creek - present and future, report of the Abschol Field Team which visited the Aboriginal Group at Wattie Creek on the Wave Hill Cattle Station, N.T, December 1969', 'What now at Wattie Creek, report of the Abschol Field Team which visited Wattie Creek in May-June 1970' and *Aboriginal Land Rights Campaign 1968*'.
- Statement issued by the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders and the Abschol Department of the National Union of Australian University Students and *Aboriginal Land Rights in N.S.W: Demands, Law and Policy*, by Peter Tobin, Abschol.
- Papers on a proposal by Nabalco for a Woodchip industry on the Gove Peninsula, Northern Territory
- Ministerial statements on pastoral leases for Aborigines Australians
- Booklet with extracts from a Ministerial speech by Ralph Hunt entitled 'Land and the Aborigines of the Northern Territory, 1970 and booklet based on a 1972 speech by him entitled 'Aboriginal land rights in the Northern Territory'.
- Fact sheets issued by Background Material on the Aboriginal Land Rights Campaign
- Information on Aboriginal tribes and land rights in Tasmania
- 1974 Ministerial Statement on the Aboriginal Land Rights Commission.
- Amendment moved by Senator Georges on the second reading of the 'State Grants (Aboriginal Advancement) Bill 1970'
- 'The position of the Aborigines in law and society' by W.C. Wentworth (1968)
- 'Summary of impressions' of the Anti-Slavery Society Secretary's visit to Australia in 1970
- 'The land rights of Australian Aborigines' by Frank G. Engel (1969)
- Paper on land rights prepared for the Australian Council of Churches with resolutions of its Annual Meeting, (1965)
- 'General policy on Aborigines', prepared and issued by Mission Boards, (1959)

- 'Four major issues in assimilation' a memorandum issued by the National Missionary Council of Australia in 1963 completes this series

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Series 3 Education, 1968-1974

This series includes copies of parliamentary questions and answers on education for Aboriginal Australians, a news release on government failure to sponsor Aboriginal education in co-operatives, an Abschol Trustees report to Council (1971) and papers relating to study grants and scholarships.

There is a special issue of the Northern Territory *Schools Bulletin* on education, the 1969 Kormilda College *Year book*, a paper by H. C. Coombs entitled 'Human values in education', newspaper clippings and copy for newspaper articles on Aboriginal education.

Included are 'Content analysis of New South Wales primary school social studies text books with respect to the development of racial attitudes in children', a study done by a group in the Sociology Department, University of New South Wales in 1970, and 'The education of Aboriginal children in Western Australia', from the Minister of Education, W.A.

Submissions to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Environment located in this series are

- Submission from Elizabeth A. Sommerlad on education (1973)
- 'Submission on Aboriginal Advancement and Pre-Vocation training' from Alan T. Duncan, Department of Adult Education, University of Sydney (1972)
- 'Cultural accommodation: the Armidale experiment', submission from Colin Tatz and Barbara Chambers

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Series 4 Employment, 1969-74

This series cover various aspects of Aboriginal employment and training.

Included are media releases and statements by Senator Cavanagh, Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; copies of questions and answers in the House of Representatives on Aboriginal employment and loans, grants and advancement; a Department of Labour 'Report on the grievance of seasonal workers in Wee Waa and Narrabri' (1973?); and a statement by the Federal Minister for Labour and the Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on conditions at Wee Waa (1973).

There are also newspaper clippings, newspaper copy, statements by the Federal Minister for the Interior on Aboriginal issues, including one on 'Aborigines on pastoral properties in Northern Territory' and one on 'N.T. industries investigation', and a Department of Labour & National Service booklet entitled *Aborigine*, 1969

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Series 5 Health, 1968-74

This series includes correspondence, press releases, parliamentary speeches, ministerial statements, newspaper copy, newspaper clippings, parliamentary questions and answers, notes, articles and some brief unpublished papers.

A wide range of Aboriginal health issues are covered, for example, leprosy, scabies, infant and child mortality rates, dental health, child care, death rates, meningitis, diet, vitamin C as well as Aboriginal health in general.

Other papers include

- A summary of a report 'Reconnaissance of means for Aboriginal advancement on the South Coast of New South Wales', by W. Scott & Co and a Ministerial statement about the report
- *This is an Australian* a booklet published to aid health officers and nurses in the field to recognize and treat illnesses among Aboriginal children
- 'The Aboriginal child health scandal', by Alan Carless
- 'Scurvy and Aboriginal infant mortality', by A. Kalokerinos
- 'Report of aspects of Aboriginal health services in the Northern Territory', by J.H. Hirshman
- 'Assignment report, 1 June to 17 August 1974', by Joan Bentley, WHO Public Health Nurse
- 'Report on sociological survey', by Gordon Briscoe, 1973?

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Series 6 Law and legal rights, 1970-74

This series includes a paper on the investigation of a woodchip industry on Melville/Bathurst Islands in the Northern Territory, 1972; and a speech by the Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Senator Cavanagh at the 'Aborigines and the Law Seminar', Monash University, 1974 and a media release on the N.S.W. Legal Service (1974) by the same Minister.

There is also a leaflet 'What hope justice', a statement on 'Aboriginal legal services' (1973), by Gordon Bryant, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, a paper 'The Urban Aboriginal in N.S.W.' by Ken Brindle and newspaper clippings.

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Series 7 Turtle farm, 1973-75

This series contains material relating to a turtle farming project in the Torres Strait run by Applied Ecology Pty Ltd. Included are newspaper articles, statements and reports on the farm and some papers covering concerns raised regarding the management of the farms and the role of the Department and the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs.

Papers on the turtle farming can also be found Series 11, Resignation of Federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and in the [Papers of Barrie Dexter](#) at MS 4167 in Series 11 and Series 12.

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- 1 *House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation (reference: the commercial farming of turtles in Torres Strait) official Hansard report for 21 August 1973, 17 September 1973 (proof copy) and 18 September 1973 (proof copy)*
- 2 Copies of newspaper articles, newspaper copy and parliamentary questions and answers and other papers including
 - A copy of the Adjournment Debate, on the 9 October together with a 'Statement by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Senator Cavanagh, in the Senate, 23 October, 1973' on Turtle Farms and other papers issued in response to the issues raised in the debate
 - 'Torres Strait Islands', statement on the Torres Strait Islands issued by George Mye, Eastern Island Group Representatives and 17 Eastern Island Chairmen and individuals, 14 October 1975 as a result of a 'recent political confrontation between the Queensland Premier and the Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs' and a 1973 statement by Mye after a visit to Canberra
 - Statements on such matters as the termination of Dr H.R. (Bob) Bustard as an employee, a report regarding the farm and the International Convention on Trade in Certain Species of Wildlife and from the Australian National University on its funding and research on turtles.
 - 'Turtle farming in the Torres Strait Islands', report from the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation', November 1973 and parliamentary questions and answers on the farm project and Applied Ecology Ltd., the Project Manager
- 3 'Report on an enquiry into organisation, management and market prospects of a Turtle Farming Project in Northern Australia', by L.P. Smart, 1973

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Series 8 Mine exploration, mining and Aboriginal rights, 1969-73

This series contains newspaper copy, correspondence, newspaper clippings, parliamentary questions and answers and notes on issues relating to Aboriginal rights and mining and mine exploration. It also contains press statements on issues such as the granting of leases on Aboriginal reserves, prospecting by Aboriginals in the Northern Territory, and funds for court action to aid Goulburn Island Aboriginals (1970).

There are copies of an 'Agreement between Ormac and Aborigines re Arnhem Land authorities to prospect' (1971), of some figures on 'prospecting and mining on Aboriginal reserves (1971) and of the covering letter and 'applications for four authorities to prospect in the Northern Territory on behalf of the pre-incorporation committee of the Muramulla Gurindji Company (1970).

Also included is the 1970 Boyer lecture by H.C. Coombs entitled 'The fragile pattern - institutions and man'.

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Series 9 Housing, 1968-74

This series includes copies of parliamentary questions and answers, correspondence and newspaper clippings and newspaper copy on Aboriginal housing. There is a leaflet entitled 'Walls of hessian', a speech made in Parliament by W.C. Wentworth and issued as a ministerial statement and papers relating to the establishment of an Aboriginal Aged Persons Homes Trust Account and a copy of a letter on the formation of the Aboriginal Housing Committee in Redfern (1973).

Also included are 'The Aboriginal household', by C.D. Rowley, reprinted from *Quadrant*, Nov-Dec 1967, a copy of a second reading speech by the Federal Minister for Social Services on the *State Grants (Aboriginal Advancement) Bill 1970* that includes a section on housing and a *Hansard* report of a ministerial statement made on Aboriginal housing in 1969.

The final part of the series includes a leaflet entitled 'Black housing in a white urban situation', by Bobbi Sykes in *Shelter*, vol. 2, no. 6, Feb. 1974 and 'Concise report on the present general living conditions of Alice Springs Aborigines', presented to the Executive of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, by Neville Perkins 1971.

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Series 10 National Aboriginal Consultative Committee, 1973-76

This series consists of papers relating to the formation, the first General Assembly, the first election and the first constitution of the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (NACC), a Committee established to give the Federal Minister advice on policy matters. A map of proposed electoral boundaries is included in the series.

There are also papers relating to matters with which the Committee was involved. For example, there are recommendations from the Languages and Culture Sub-Committee, submissions from the Health and Education Committee and proposals regarding housing and welfare that were put to the Committee and a call for the resignation of the Federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Gordon Bryant (1974)

Other papers include correspondence, press releases, an address to the inaugural conference by Minister Gordon Bryant, newspaper clippings about the Committee, a reply to a question in the House about Committee membership and its Sub Committees and a press release regarding an inquiry into the Committee (1976).

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Series 11 Resignation of Federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Gordon Bryant, 1973

This series contains a small number of papers relating to the resignation of the Federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Senator Gordon Bryant, and the activities of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs in 1973. It includes copies of parliamentary motions, questions and answers relating to the conduct of the Federal Department and the Federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Senator Gordon Bryant. There are also copies of newspaper articles and *Hansard* pages on related matters.

Matters relating to the Turtle Farm are also included and related papers can be found in Series 7, Turtle Farm.

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Series 12 General files, 1966-75

This series consists of papers covering a wide range of issues related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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 - Alcohol consumption. Includes newspaper clippings, notes and newspaper copy on the effects and availability of alcohol, and, in particular the Yirrkala Mission efforts to stop the licensing of a hotel at Nhulunbuy
 - Weipa. Paper on the appropriation for the Office of Aboriginal Affairs with regard to Comalco and the effects of its operation at Weipa on the Aboriginal community
- 2 Relations with police and Royal Commission, Western Australia, 1975
 - ANZAAS 46th Congress 1975 papers: 'From 'dreaming' to harsh reality', by Jim Downing, 'Papunya town plan', by Tjala (Honeyant), 'Pitjantjatjara Wiltja or White Man's house?', by Noel M. Wallace and other reports from the Congress
 - Demonstration by Aborigines, Parliament House, Canberra, October 1974. Copies of press clippings
 - Aboriginal Tent Embassy. Press statement regarding an agreement to disband the Embassy (1975)
 - N.S.W. Aboriginal Legal Service. Press statement, 1974
 - NACC meeting, Perth, 1974. Press statement
 - Aborigines: notice for compensation. Debate on a motion moved by Senator Bonner, 1974
- 3 Papers include press releases, newspaper clippings, reprints, leaflets and newspaper copy covering a variety of topics including

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- Queensland/Papua New Guinea border'. Includes 'The Islands are... and should remain part of Queensland' by E.K. Fisk & Maree Tait, photocopy of article from *New Guinea and Australia, the Pacific and South-East Asia*, April 1973 and media release
 - Mining. Includes *Weipa: the politics of pauperization*, by Frank Stevens, reprinted from *The Australian quarterly*, vol. 41, no 3 September 1969 for Abschol and papers on Manganese mining at Groote Eylandt and bauxite mining at Weipa, 1970
 - Wiluna Desert Farms. Ministerial statement on purchase, 1973
 - Stan Davey and Jan Richardson to Aborigines Advancement League (Victoria) and Co-operative for Aborigines (NSW). A 1969 report on several issues.
 - Planning for Aboriginal Advancement, New Era Aboriginal Fellowship Meeting, 2 May 1971
 - Monday Conference transcript, for transmission on 20th March 1972. Participants: Bobbi Sykes, and Paul Coe, on camera with Robert Moore, Brian White and Dominic Nagle. The broadcast ranged over a variety of issues
 - International Black Power Congress, 1970. Papers, mainly newspaper clippings related to conference attendance by Aborigines and to black power.
 - Aboriginal Advancement League (Victoria) and Co-operative for Aborigines (N.S.W.), 1969. Includes a brief report of visits and newspaper clippings on the activities and office holders of the League
- 4 N.T. Barge operations to be acquired for Aborigines. Statement by the Minister for Aboriginal affairs, 1974
- Joint Committee of Public Accounts Inquiry into the Financial Administration of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, submission no 1
 - Aboriginal grants, statement by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, 1973
 - 'Aboriginal wages and the Trust System in Queensland', by Frank Stevens (1969) and other papers relating to the trust system including correspondence (1970) from Aborigines wishing to handle their own funds, newspaper copy, and also newspaper clippings on a policeman's fraudulent use of funds
 - Commonwealth funding for Aboriginal projects. Newspaper clippings, 1968-69
- 5 Miscellaneous papers, including
- Papers on discriminatory state laws (1970) and social conflict in Alice Springs
 - *Annual report* of the Queensland Director of Aboriginal Affairs for 1967/68
 - Two Prime Ministerial statements (1971) on 'Aboriginal Affairs'
 - Papers on protest by Aborigines at Parliament House in 1973 and on the causes of the protest; on the resignation of Gordon Bryant as Federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs (1973); and on the Aboriginal Tent Embassy
 - Papers on the National Conference of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Councillors, Canberra, 1972
- 6 'Northern Territory Development: notes for a Budget Debate', prepared by the Minister

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for the Interior, 1970

- *Census of the Commonwealth of Australia, 30 June 1966: Aboriginal population of Australia - summary of characteristics*, Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics
- 'Welfare of dependent groups in the seventies', by Hazel M. Smith, a paper presented at the Australian Council of Social Service, 6th National Conference on Social Welfare in the 1970's, Canberra, 25-26 May 1970
- Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, *Report and Proceedings for the 13th Annual Conference on Aboriginal Affairs*, Canberra, 27-29 March, 1970

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Transcript of Monday Conference - 83 with Senator Neville Bonner and members and supporters of the Redfern Aboriginal Community and Robert Moore, broadcast 7 May 1973

- 'States Grants (Aboriginal Advancement) Bill 1969' and 1970 second reading speeches and an extract from speech by W.C. Wentworth
- Senator Neville Bonner's maiden speech in the 1971-72 budget debate
- Ministerial Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, statement by the Prime Minister, 1971
- 'The Aboriginal population of Australia: present distribution and probable future growth', by F. Lancaster Jones, 1970
- Statement by the Prime Minister to Cairns Conference of Ministers Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, 1971

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'A look into the Northern Territory, what is happening and some alternatives for more sensible occurrences, as it concerns the Aboriginal inhabitants', essay by David R. Anderson for Anthropology 101, Monash University

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