



Records of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI)

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Scope and content note

This collection contains the records of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCA.ATSI) and it documents many of the Council's activities, particularly for the years 1971 to 1978.

Minutes of meetings, reports and proceedings of annual conferences, correspondence, financial papers, administrative material, circulars, press releases and reports, and papers relating to a wide range of issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues and people are included in this collection.

Series 14-34 contain miscellaneous material which includes files of newspaper clippings cut from newspapers such as *The Cairns Post*, *Townsville Daily Bulletin*, *The Courier Mail (Brisbane)*, *The Advertiser (Adelaide)*, *The Age (Melbourne)*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Australian Financial Review*, *The Australian*, *The National Times*, *The Canberra Times*, *The Perth Daily News*, *The West Australian*, *The Northern Territory Daily News* and *The Alice Springs Central Advocate*.

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Material separated from collection

Included in the FCAATSI records were two cassette tapes of Aboriginal radio broadcasts in the Miriwung language titled 'Moongoong Darwung: Wulap reel no.1 and no.2' and, a black and white photographic print of an Aboriginal dancer from Alice Springs, taken by Oliver Strewe. This material has been transferred to the Institute's [Audiovisual Archive](#). Miscellaneous printed material collected by FCAATSI has been listed (see Series 35) and incorporated within the general Library holdings and/or distributed to other collecting institutions.

Arrangement of collection

The Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI) records, when acquired by AIATSIS Library, consisted of a mixture of labelled files and loose papers. The files were arranged in two alphabetical sequences and access to the files was assisted by two card indexes. The Library has retained the card indexes within the collection but has imposed a series arrangement based on the significant files from both alphabetical sequences. Material within items is generally in chronological order.

Related material

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For a complete listing of works, including published material, manuscripts, audiotapes and

photographs, relating to the work of FCAATSI and other related material held by AIATSIS, consult [Mura®, the AIATSIS catalogue](#). For access to audiovisual material contact the [Audiovisual Archive](#).

The FCAATSI records (MS 3759) received by the AIATSIS Library relate primarily to the FCAATSI period of 1971 to 1978. For FCAATSI records relating to the period 1958 to 1973, see also the FCAATSI manuscript collections held by the Mitchell Library, Sydney (ML MSS 2999 and ML MSS 2999 Add-on 1507).

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Archivist's note

Records previously held by the Library in the Rare Serials Collection at RS 24/1 were incorporated into this collection in May 2007.

Records from MS 2304 and MS 33 were also incorporated into this collection in May 2007. These are mainly photocopies of records already held in this collection. The access conditions for some of these records were changed at this time in accordance with a revised Deposit Form dated 30 March 2006

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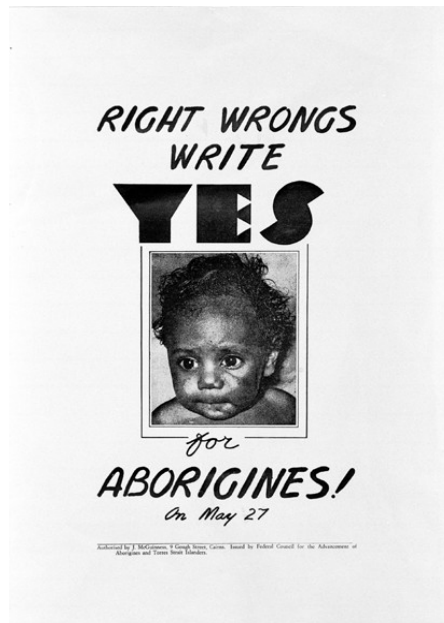
BACKGROUND NOTE

The Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines (FCAA) developed from a meeting in Adelaide in February 1958. State-based bodies working towards 'Aboriginal advancement' met together to form an organisation with a national approach to Indigenous affairs. A series of goals was drawn up which included repeal of discriminatory legislation, amendment to the Commonwealth Constitution, improved housing, equal pay for equal work, facilities to be provided for education, and retention of all reserves with communal or individual ownership. Charles Duguid, of the Aborigines Advancement League of South Australia, became the first President and Stan Davey, of the Victorian Aborigines Advancement League, the first General Secretary. This meeting became known as the first in a series of twenty annual national conferences.

Organisations involved in or interested in Indigenous affairs affiliated with FCAA. These included 'Aboriginal advancement' organisations, unions and church organisations. Sub-committees such as equal rights, education, land and reserves and legislative reform were set up and reported to the annual national conferences. State delegates also reported on activities and issues in their states.

In 1964 the name was changed to the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI). In 1961 [Joe McGuiness](#), of the Cairns Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders Advancement League, was elected President and served in this capacity until 1974, and again from 1975 until 1978. Following a motion put at the 1978 annual national conference, FCAATSI changed its name to the National Aboriginal and Islander Liberation Movement (NAILM). NAILM never met in full session under the new name.

One of the most vigorous and successful campaigns in which FCAATSI was involved was the [1967 referendum](#) campaign to change the Australian Constitution, successfully petitioning for the inclusion of Aboriginal and Islander peoples in the Census, and giving the Federal Government the right to legislate for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Poster published by FCAATSI in support of a 'Yes' vote in the 1967 Referendum. AIATSIS N452814A

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FCAATSI was also directly involved in the demand for land rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the campaign to abolish racial and legal discrimination embodied in the *Queensland Aborigines Act and Regulations*. It gave support to the Torres Strait Islanders to establish an equitable border with Papua New Guinea and fought for improved health, housing, education and legal services; equal wages and employment opportunities; political representation; and independence and self-determination for Australia's Indigenous peoples. Throughout its existence FCAATSI ensured that Indigenous affairs became, and continued to be, a non-party political issue.

References:

Bandler, Faith. *Turning the tide: a personal history of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders*. Canberra, Aboriginal Studies Press, 1989

Federal Council for Aboriginal Advancement, *Constitution of the Federal Council for Aboriginal Advancement as adopted by the Annual General Meeting*. Adelaide, April 1962

Federal Council for Aboriginal Advancement, 7th, 1964, Canberra. 'Agenda papers, reports, etc'

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series 1 Executive Committee minutes, 1961-78

The Executive Committee of FCAATSI was elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and consisted of the President, General Secretary, Treasurer, two and later three Vice Presidents, Convenors of Standing Committees and two Secretarial Consultants. From 1962 the Executive Committee met twice a year to give direction to FCAATSI activity. There were also monthly

meetings. Presidents included Dr. Charles Duguid (1958), Doris Blackburn (1959), Don Dunstan (1960), Joe McGinness (1961-73, 1975-78) and Terry O'Shane (1974).

This series comprises the FCAATSI Constitution and its amended versions, lists of Executive members and regional convenors, and the Executive Committee agenda and minutes (incomplete). FCAATSI changed its name to the National Aboriginal and Islander Liberation Movement (NAILM) in April 1978. For NAILM Executive minutes see [Series 1 Item 6](#).

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- 1 Constitution, 1964-75. Includes 'Notice of motion re amendments to constitution', 1964; amended constitution, April 1967; 'Constitutional changes of FCAATSI' and draft revision of constitution, by Jack Horner, 1971; 'Amendments to the Constitution for adoption or otherwise by the Council's AGM', 1975; revised constitution, 1975; and related correspondence
- 2 Lists of Executive members and State Convenors, 1963-78. Includes typescript and handwritten list of names and addresses. See also Conference papers, [Series 11](#)
- 3 Executive Committee minute book, 1970-73. Red Collins Guard Minute Book No.902 containing pasted roneoed typescript minutes of meetings. Includes minutes for 3 August 1970 (Sydney); 15 February 1971 (Sydney); 11 April 1971 (Townsville); 19 July 1971 (Sydney); 31 October 1971 (Sydney); 30 March 1972 (Alice Springs); 16 April 1972 (Sydney); 15 May 1972 (Sydney); 19 June 1972 (Sydney), 10 July 1972 (Sydney), 17 July 1972 (Sydney), 21 August 1972 (Sydney); 15-17 September 1972 (Canberra); 16 October 1972 (by telephone); 11 December 1972 (Sydney); 15 January 1973 (Sydney); 24 February 1973 (Canberra); 19 March 1973 (Sydney); 17 April 1973 (Sydney); and 5 May 1973 (Canberra)
- 4 Miscellaneous Executive Committee minutes, 1961-72. These handwritten and typescript minutes were originally distributed throughout the files. Includes minutes of 1 September 1961 (Canberra); 21 October c.1961; 18 January 1971 (Sydney); 15 February 1971 (Sydney); 23 October 1971 (home of Faith Bandler); 30 October 1971 (Sydney); 30 March 1972 (Alice Springs 2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]; agenda for meeting of 15 May 1972; agenda and minutes of 19 June 1972 (Sydney); minutes of 17 July 1972; agenda for meeting of 15-17 September 1972 (Canberra) with report presented at that meeting on the living conditions of Aboriginal people at Alice Springs and outlying areas of central Australia; and 'Report of Interstate comments – Executive meetings 20.11.1972 and 11.12.1972'
- 5 Miscellaneous Executive Committee minutes, 1973-76. Includes agenda and minutes of 15 January 1973 (Sydney); agenda and Treasurer's report of 19 February 1973 (Sydney); agenda and Treasurer's report of 19 March 1973 (Sydney); minutes and Treasurer's report 15 April 1974 (Townsville); agenda and minutes of 5 May 1973 (Canberra); handwritten draft minutes, n.d.[post May 1973]; agenda and minutes of 29-30 June 1974 (Brisbane), 27-29 September 1974 (Brisbane), 8 February 1975 (Brisbane), 31 March 1975 (Canberra) and 5 September 1975 (Canberra); handwritten letter of Joe McGinness concerning Executive members, c.1974; notes 'for consideration by Executive' possibly by Josie Briggs, n.d.; and photocopy of minutes of Executive meeting 16 April 1976 (Forrest, ACT) [transferred from MS 33, May 2007] handwritten minutes [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]
- 6 Miscellaneous Executive Committee minutes, 1977-78. Includes minutes for 9 April 1977 (Canberra); various undated minutes c.1977; letter of Marcia Langton dated 21 July 1977 concerning proposed Executive meeting; minutes for 28 January 1978 (Sydney); and National Aboriginal and Islander Liberation Movement minutes of Executive meeting, 6-7 May 1978, with associated circulars from Sandra Neilley

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Series 2 General Secretary - General correspondence, 1959-78

The General Secretary maintained the correct record of the minutes of meetings of the Executive, the Annual General Meeting and any conference called by FCAATSI. It was the General Secretary's duty to distribute a copy of all the minutes to affiliated organisations and members of the Executive and be responsible for convening regular meetings of the Executive Committee. The Honorary Secretary and the Consultant Secretary assisted the General Secretary in these duties.

This series includes correspondence of the General Secretary, the Honorary Secretary and the Consultant Secretary (also known as the Assistant Secretary). The General Secretaries were Stan Davey, Faith Bandler (Acting), Dulcie Flower, John (Jack) Horner, John A. Newfong, Pat Miller, Evelyn Scott, Charles Perkins, Janet Layton, Gordon Briscoe, Marcia Langton and Naomi Mayers (NAILM). Honorary secretaries were Jack Horner, Evelyn Scott and Faith Bandler. Consultant and/or Assistant Secretaries for FCAATSI were Josephine (Josie) Briggs and Sandra Neilley (nee McGinness) and, for NAILM, John Moriarty and Victor West.

The Library has maintained the original chronological arrangement of the papers from 1967-76 with the exception of the 1977-78 material, which has been included in this series from miscellaneous papers throughout the collection. The General Secretary's correspondence was also held under specific subject headings and can be located by a search within the various series. See also NAILM correspondence, [Series 7](#).

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- 1 1959-65. Mainly correspondence between Jack Horner (Hon. Secretary) and Stan Davey (General Secretary). Also includes letters of Jean L. Horner, Joe McGinness, Faith Bandler, Barry Christophers and Grace Barnsley. Matters discussed include Executive minutes, FCAA conference arrangements and elections, proposed bauxite mining on Gove Peninsula, removal of Mapoon Aborigines, the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs, and the Aboriginal-Australian Fellowship
- 2 1967. Letters of Faith Bandler (Honorary Secretary) with various affiliated organisations of FCAA
- 3-4 1968. Letters of Faith Bandler (Honorary Secretary), Dulcie Flower (General Secretary), Laurie Bryan, The Hon. R.R. Loveday, Mum Elphick, Jan Merton, Friends of Africa, Sydney, and various Abschol and union officials. Matters discussed include land rights, the referendum and the FCAA annual conference
- 5-8 1969. Letters of Dulcie Flower (General Secretary), Jack Horner (General Secretary, full-time, c. April 1969), Jan Merton, Win Branson, B. Owen, Lex Grey, E.G. Whitlam, Alf Bekue, Marj Broadbent, Jeremy Beckett and David Brand. Reports of Albert Laird and John Moriarty. Matters discussed include land rights at Fingal Head, NSW, treatment of Aborigines in Western Australia and voting procedures at FCAA annual conferences
- 9-10 1970. Letters of John A. Newfong (General Secretary), Faith Bandler (Acting General Secretary), Denis Walker, Eunice Gilmore, Win Branson, W.C. Wentworth, Kim E. Beazley, Bishop P. Quinn, Francis Lovejoy, Joyce Clague, Lex Grey, Ruth Ey and others. Matters discussed include racial discrimination in legislation, alcohol consumption, housing, Forrest River and FCAA funding problems

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- 11-12 1971. Letters of Faith Bandler (General Secretary), Dennis Matthews, Win Branson, W.C. Wentworth, Gordon M. Bryant, Laurie Bryan, C.H. Fitzgibbon, Rev. George Pearson, Larch Tamasin Brade and others. Matters discussed include Aboriginal health, education, FCAATSI annual conference and apartheid and sport. Reports include 'Treatment of Aborigines', by Mary Gilmore, n.d; 'Vorster's new sports policy', by Dennis Brutus; and Glenfield Goodwill Co-operative
- 13-15 1972. Letters of Faith Bandler (General Secretary), Jack Horner (Secretary to the General Secretary), Laurie Bryan, The Hon. Paul Hasluck, Archbishop Felix Arnot, Geraldine Briggs, David Abrams, Lambert (Lambie) McBride and others. Matters discussed include Executive Committee meetings, the publication *Smoke Signals*, South Australian Aboriginal organisations, removal of the Aboriginal Embassy, the flight of the Concorde in Central Australia, police behavior towards Aborigines and 'Aboriginal' reserves in Queensland. Also includes 'The Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders – its role: a view by G.M. Bryant'; excerpts from James J. Spigelman's *Poverty and the law – the limitations of Australian legal aid*; and 'The problems of the white man', a lecture by R.D. Bowers
- 16-18 1973. Letters of Jack Horner, Faith Bandler, Pat Miller (General Secretary), Sandra McGinness (Assistant Secretary), Joe McGinness, Rev. R.R. Bush, E.V. Elliott, Gordon M. Bryant, Lionel Murphy, John Boyd and others. Matters discussed include Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) interference with FCAATSI telephones, identity issues of 'part-Aborigines', Papua/Torres Strait border issue, involvement of maritime unions in Weipa and Nhulunbuy, missions and the church generally, 'all-black executive committees' for Aboriginal organisations, legal aid service for Indigenous Australians, UN representation, and bills and acts of state parliaments. Series 2 Item 18 also contains applications for the position of Assistant Secretary
- 19-20 1974. Letters of Evelyn Scott (Secretary), Josie Briggs (Consultant Secretary), Barry Christophers, Daisy Marchisotti, Charles Perkins, Terry O'Shane (President), Joe McGinness (Senior Vice President), Ruth Kaplan and others. Matters discussed include Executive Committee meetings, changes to FCAATSI constitution, launching of the Australian Advancement Party, and the Palm Island situation
- 21-23 1975. Letters of Evelyn Scott, D.W. McLeod, Lambie McBride, Charles Perkins (Secretary and later General Secretary), Josie Briggs, Kevin Gilbert, Michael Mansell, Barry Christophers, Ruth Kaplan, Senator Neville Bonner and others. Matters discussed include FCAATSI funds appeal, FCAATSI annual conference, proposal for a National Bureau of Aboriginal Affairs, Aboriginal representation in 1975 Federal election, Truganini's remains, and purchase of land at Cape York Peninsula
- 24 1976. Letters of Janet Layton (General Secretary), Gordon Briscoe (General Secretary), Josie Briggs (Consultant Secretary and later Assistant Secretary), Jim Stanley, Charles Perkins and others. Matters discussed include government funding of FCAATSI, re-affiliation with FCAATSI, Queensland legislation governing Indigenous Australians, FCAATSI annual conference and the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee
- 25-28 1977. Letters of Gordon Briscoe (General Secretary and later Special Advisor to FCAATSI), January to July 1977. From July 1977, mainly letters and handwritten notes and notebook of Marcia Langton (General Secretary). Also includes letters of Michael Mansell, Margaret Jeffery, Peter R. Allen, Faith Bandler, George Williams, Terry O'Shane, Michael Shegog, Josie Briggs, Lyndon Shea and others. Matters discussed include recent contacts with Nigeria, land rights and mining (especially uranium), placing the Aboriginal case before the International Court of Justice, proposed establishment of an Aboriginal hostel at Guildford WA, expanding 'Aboriginal' medical services, and reaction to an article entitled 'Grog and petrol sniffing', by Graham

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- Gifford (Item 28)
- 29-31 1978. Mainly letters to Marcia Langton from Joe Camilleri, Josie Briggs, Peter Ucko, Terry O'Shane, Jack Horner, Pat Turner Kamara, Steve Hawke and others. Matters discussed include 'Aboriginal' housing; Indigenous Australians and the law; the end of Marcia Langton's full-time service to FCAATSI; and FCAATSI Land Rights and Uranium Tour Committee. Also includes handwritten invitation list to meeting of 3 April 1978; correspondence between Josie Briggs and Sandra Neilley concerning FCAATSI administrative material; handwritten draft 'The Yarra Yarra Treaty', n.d.; and miscellaneous notes and fragments
- 32-34 Telegrams, 1967-78. Includes telegrams received and sent
- 35-38 Miscellaneous material, 1964, 1977-78. Includes proof sheets and copies of articles for publication; *Yinjilli*, March 1964; information on FCAATSI press cutting service entitled 'Black affairs in Australia' (Item 35); background notes and cuttings for preparation of *Aboriginal and Islander News*, 1977 (Item 36); correspondence with the Aboriginal Publications Foundation and other publishers; photograph of Marcia Langton (Item 37); and examples of FCAATSI stationery, Christmas cards and badges worn by affiliates and delegates [to FCAATSI conferences?] (Item 38)

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Series 3 General Secretary – Correspondence with Executive/State Convenors, 1976-77

Item

- 1 Correspondence with Executive members, 1976-78. Letters of Marcia Langton (General Secretary) and Sandra Neilley (Information Officer) concerning FCAATSI internal organisation. Includes responses from Terry O'Shane and John Moriarty
- 2 Correspondence with State Convenors, 1976-78. Letters of Michael Shegog, Janet Layton and Marcia Langton concerning FCAATSI internal organisation. Includes response from Michael Mansell. As found

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Series 4 General Secretary – Correspondence with Governments, 1968-78

This series covers correspondence with both the Commonwealth of Australia and Australian State Governments.

Item

- 1 Office of Aboriginal Affairs, Prime Minister's Department, 1968-73. Mainly letters sent from B.G. Dexter and H.C. Coombs (members of the Council for Aboriginal Affairs) to Jack Horner and Faith Bandler. Matters referred to include requests for financial assistance, the need for local responsibility and autonomy among 'Aboriginal' people, and the removal of discriminatory legislation in Queensland. Also includes 'A statement to public meeting', 11 February 1973 concerning the administration of 'Aboriginal affairs' at the Federal level. Typescript carbon, 3pp
- 2 Department of Aboriginal Affairs, 1973-77. Letters of B.G. Dexter, The Hon. J.L. Cavanagh, The Hon. Malcolm Fraser, The Hon. Les Johnson, The Hon. R.I. Viner, J.P.M. Long, Evelyn Scott (Secretary), Josie Briggs (Consultant Secretary) and others.

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Matters referred to include requests for financial assistance, 'Aboriginal' reserves in Queensland, the employment of 'Aborigines' on pastoral stations, the Aboriginal community at Lake Tyers, Victoria, and government expenditure on Indigenous Australians

- 3 Federal ministerial correspondence, 1977-78. Mainly correspondence, itineraries, press statements and newsletter sent by Senator Jim Keefe to Marcia Langton, 1977. Also 'Federal Department of Aboriginal Affairs'. Typescript note by Terry O'Shane, c.1978
- 4 State ministerial correspondence, 1969-76. Letters of the Queensland Department of Aboriginal and Island Affairs, Jack Horner and Janet Layton. Matters discussed include Old Mapoon Reserve and the proposed mining at Aurukun. Also includes two letters from the Office of the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, South Australia to Jack Horner concerning the Indulkana Reserve

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Series 5 General Secretary - Funding appeals, 1975-78

In 1975 the FCAATSI funding situation became critical and President, Joe McGinness, launched an 'Urgent Appeal for Funds' in September of that year. In 1977, the General Secretary, Marcia Langton established a 'Land Rights/Anti-Uranium Fund' to fund a campaign to focus on the issue of Aboriginal land rights and uranium mining. This involved placing a large advertisement in the *National Times* of 3-8 October 1977.

This series includes letters, briefing notes and grant applications concerned with the financing of these campaigns. The papers reflect efforts of the FCAATSI Executive to pursue funding through non-government organisations. See also [Series 6](#) and [Series 8](#).

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- 1-2 Urgent appeal for funds, 1975-77. Includes open letter [to affiliated organisations] authorised by Joe McGinness; donors letters and letters of Josie Briggs acknowledging donations; and 'Briefing notes for the President', possibly prepared for talks with various non-government organisations. Typescript, 3pp
- 3-4 Land Rights/Anti-Uranium campaign, 1976 and 1977-78. Includes donors letters to 1976 Land Right Fund and the 1977 Land Rights/Anti-Uranium Campaign; and letters of Sandra Neilley and Marcia Langton acknowledging donations

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Series 6 General Secretary – Correspondence with organisations, 1965-78

Membership of the Council was open to organisations that were in agreement with the five basic principles outlined in the FCAATSI Constitution, which is held in [Series 1 Item 1](#). There were two categories of membership. 'Category A' – organisations specifically involved in 'Aboriginal affairs' and 'Category B' – organisations supporting the objectives of the Council but not included in

category 'A'. A list of these affiliated organisations or affiliates was prepared annually prior to the FCAATSI annual conference for distribution to each affiliated organisation. This series includes correspondence with both affiliated and non-affiliated organisations.

This series includes some of the files found in the original FCAATSI alphabetical filing sequence. Two index card systems relating to these files are located in [Series 12](#). Later correspondence relating to affiliated organisations appears to have been kept with the General Secretary's correspondence (see [Series 2](#)). Correspondents include Pastor Doug Nichols, Faith Bandler, Jack Davis, Evelyn Scott, Jack Horner, Danny O'Shane, Laurie Bryan, Joe Camilleri, Beryl Phillips, and others. Also includes constitutions, minutes of meetings, newsletters, leaflets and booklets. Folio-sized newsletters from this series are housed in [Series 35](#). See also [Series 16](#) and [Series 25](#).

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- 1 Aboriginal Action – a Working Group of the Community and Race Relations Commission of the Victorian Council of Churches, 1974-77. Includes correspondence, minutes of meetings and newsletters
- 2 Aboriginal Advancement Council of WA (Inc.). Correspondence, constitution and newsletters, 1972-76; Aborigines Advancement League, Victoria. Constitution and correspondence, 1965-77; and Aborigines & Islander Forum (Cairns, Qld.). Press release, newsletter and paper entitled 'Independence for the Torres Straits', 1976-77
- 3 Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders Advancement League, Mount Isa Branch. Constitution, 1970, 1973; Aborigines & Torres Strait Islanders Advancement League, Townsville Branch. Correspondence, 1970-72; Aboriginal Children's Advancement Society, New South Wales. Correspondence, minutes of meeting, annual report, 1970-72; and Aboriginal Consultative Group (to the Schools Commission). Proposal for the establishment of a National Committee on Aboriginal Education, 1976
- 4 Aboriginal Education Council, NSW. Correspondence, minutes of meetings and pamphlets, mainly 1969-72
- 5 Aboriginal Education Foundation of South Australia Inc. Includes correspondence, Secretary's reports, newsletter and 'Submission to the Criminal Law and Penal Methods Reform Committee', 1968-71; and Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship. Letter of John W. Braeside, 1970. Closed
- 6-9 Abschol (National Union of Australian University Students Aboriginal Scholarship Scheme). Includes correspondence with the Abschol National and State Directors; Conference resolutions and papers, 1969; circulars; newsheets and/or newsletters; 'Apartheid in Queensland...Abschol Seminar on Queensland Aboriginal conditions', May 1968; 'Trends in Aboriginal Affairs', by A. Barrie Pittock, May 1969; and '*We have bugger all! – the Kulaluk story*', by Cheryl Buchanan, 1974 [another copy held at P10269 in Library]. See also [Series 35](#) for folio-sized newsletters
- 10 Australian Council of Churches. See Item 38; Australian Independence Movement. Includes circular, newsletters, newspaper clippings, and 'Uranium mining and land rights in the Northern Territory: who profits from uranium mining?', by Ian Morgan, 1977
- 11 Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies (AIAS). Includes bibliographies, 1962-63; newsletter, 1962-64; *Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies. An Act relating to the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, 1964*; 'Open letter concerning the Australian

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- Institute of Aboriginal Studies', signed Eaglehawk and Crow, March 1974; *Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies. Application and Conditions of fieldwork*, c.1976; and minutes of meeting, April 1977
- 12 Australian Union of Students (AUS). Includes correspondence, 1977-78; 'Cranking the \$650,000 message machine', by David Elias, *The Australian*, 23 August 1976; and [AUS] *Submission to The National Inquiry into Education and Training*, prepared by Michael Gallagher, 1977. See also Black Resource Centre, [Item 16](#)
- 13-14 Australian trade unions, 1968-78. Mainly correspondence of Marcia Langton, and Michael Shegog with various trade unions 1976-77 concerning FCAATSI financial support. Includes letters of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, Australian Railways Union, Australian Teachers' Federation and state bodies, Australian Workers' Union, Building Workers' Industrial Union, Seamen's Union of Australia, Trade and Labor Councils, and Waterside Workers' Federation. Also newspaper clippings, annotated lists of Australian trade unions and, 'Briefing notes for the President' [re. FCAATSI financial support] delivered 27 September 1976, 3pp
- 15 Black Defence Group, NSW. Press releases, poster and leaflet 'What is happening to FCAATSI?' c.1978. Roneoed typescript, 2pp; and *Black News*, nos. 4-12, 1973-74, published by Maria Rigney and Joe Lane, South Australia
- 16 Black Resource Centre, Victoria. *Black News Service*, 1 (1-5) 1975 and various leaflets including 'Defence Committee for the Brisbane three – Walker, Fogarty, and Garcia'. See also Abschol, [Series 6 Items 6-9](#) and *Black Liberation*, [Series 35](#)
- 17 Black Panther Party, USA. Newspaper clippings on leader, Huey Newton, *The Age*, 9 November 1977; Black Theatre, Sydney, NSW. Correspondence, and 'Black Theatre: a jumping total arts experience, though still a battle', by Kevin Kemp, *The National Times*, April 28-May 3, 1975; and Born Free Club, Brisbane, Qld. Newspaper clippings, *Courier-Mail*, October 1973
- 18-19 Campaign Against Racial Exploitation (CARE). Includes correspondence; various state *CARE Newsletters*; agenda for meetings, press releases, newspaper clippings; and 'Paper prepared for the U.N. Conference on Action Against Apartheid, Lagos', 1977. See [Series 35](#) for *CARE News*
- 20 Campaign Against Mining Aboriginal Land (CAMAL). Pamphlet, 1977; Campaign Against Nuclear Power (CANP). Pamphlets and *Campaign Against Nuclear Power Newsletter*, October 1977-January 1979 (incomplete); and Canberra Action for World Development. Pamphlets and *Action for World Development Newsletter*, May and June, 1975
- 21 Central Australian Aborigines Congress. Constitution, 1973 and correspondence, 1973-76; Central Land Council. Includes *Central Australian Land Rights News*, no.5, 1976; and 'Comments on the structure and operational methods of Central Land Council', by G.M. Eames, 1977, 6pp.; Church of England. Correspondence, 1970-72; and Synod of the Province of NSW. *Report of Provincial Synod Sub-Committee re Aborigines*, 1969. See also Church policy on Indigenous peoples, [Series 28 Item 1](#)
- 22-23 CIMRA (Colonialism and Indigenous Minorities Research and Action). Includes correspondence, summary of programs and leaflet, 1977-78; *BARAC'S Australia report*, no.1, 1977; and draft manuscript 'From massacres to mining companies or the colonization of Australia', by Janine Roberts, 1978. Roneoed typescript, 214pp. See also Miscellaneous material – International, [Series 24](#)
- 24 Co-operative for Aborigines Limited. Includes 'Annual report of the Warrabri Co-operative Society Ltd.', 1969; Co-operative for Aborigines' Scholarship Fund Student List, 1969, 1970; application forms, information sheets and booklets; newsletters,

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- 1971-72; various reports on 'Wallaga Lake Aboriginal Reserve', 1973; auditor's report, 1974; correspondence, 1973-77; minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors...held at 'Tranby', Glebe, 1977; [List of] Board of Directors 1977/78; leaflet *Aboriginal welfare – what went wrong?*, by L.C. Rodd, c.1974; and *Mili Mili: Journal of Co-Operative for Aborigines*, no.7, 1974 and no.8, 1975
- 25 Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs. Includes, application forms; *Articles of Association*; letters and pamphlet entitled 'Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs', by Charles Perkins, Manager, c.1968; Auditor's report, 1970; Annual report, 1971; and financial correspondence 1972. Closed
- 26 Friends of the Earth. Correspondence 1978. Leaflet 'Uranium Fighting Fund'; *Friends of the Earth News*, April 1978; and booklet *Ranger Inquiry Second Report: People's Guide*; Gladstone Aboriginal and Islanders Co-operative Society Ltd. Financial correspondence, April 1976; and Griffith Aborigines Advancement Organisation. Annual report, 1973
- 27 Gwalwa Daraniki Association Inc., Darwin. Includes correspondence, April 1978; *Bunji (Newspaper of the Gwalwa Daraniki Association)*, December, 1972, July 1973, October, November-December 1974, January, April, May, July, August, November 1975, January, March, June, and September 1978; two *Bunji* supplements; and leaflet *Uranium miners get off our back!*, compiled by Bill Day, 1978
- 28 Harold Blair Aboriginal Children's Project, Victoria. Correspondence, 1976, 1978; Hedland Aboriginal Progress Association, Western Australia. Correspondence, 1976; Jerringa Tribal Council, New South Wales. 'Return to Maingingatj', 1977. Photocopy, 2pp; and Lake Tyers Aboriginal Community, Victoria. Correspondence 1975 and booklet entitled *Lake Tyers land title*, 1971
- 29 Maningrida Council. Includes *Gabalgu Jurra*, April, July, October and November, 1977; Maningrida Outstation Resource Centre report, 1976/77; and 'Maningrida – a quiet revolution', Australian Broadcasting Commission Broadcast, August 1974
- 30 Methodist Church of Australasia. Correspondence, 1968-72, statements [on land rights etc.], and minutes of Aboriginal Committee, July 1969. Moratorium for Black Rights, Sydney. Press statement and leaflets, 1972
- 31 National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Student Union (NATSISU), Victoria. Correspondence, 1976-77; National Council of Aboriginal and Island Women. Constitution; correspondence 1970; *Yarmuk* no.3, (n.d.); conference papers, 1972; minutes of meetings, 1974; and report, April 1976; NSW Humanist Society. Information sheet, 1973; and *Submission to Members of Parliament on the proposed Aborigines Bill, 1968*
- 32 Nigeria-Australian Aborigines Friendly Society. Includes correspondence, 1977; constitution; and *Festac '77 (World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture): an Indigo souvenir*. See also correspondence of Gordon Briscoe, [Series 2 Items 25-28](#)
- 33 North Coast Aboriginal Co-operatives Association Ltd. *North Coast Aboriginal News*, no.3, 1977; North Queensland Aboriginal Land Council. Includes correspondence, 1976; minutes of meetings, January 1977; 'Self-determination at Land Rights Conference', by Barbara Russell, 1977, 10pp; and newspaper clippings on the Council and Chairman, Mick Miller, 1978. See also Miscellaneous material - Land Rights, [Series 25](#)
- 34 Northern Land Council. Correspondence and papers 1976-77 mainly relating to *Northern Territory. Aboriginal Lands and Sacred Sites Ordinance 1977*. See also Miscellaneous material - Land Rights, [Series 25](#)

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- 35 Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre. Newsletter entitled *Black Action*, nos. 6, 8, 9 and 10, received by FCAATSI 1978
- 36 University of New England. Department of University Extension. *Aboriginal Human Relations Newsletter*, July, September, Christmas-New Year 1971/72, February, March, May, November 1972, May and December 1973. Also handwritten note to Faith Bandler from Ted Fields, 1971
- 37-38 World Council of Churches (and Australian Council of Churches). Includes correspondence, 1972-78; World Council of Churches. *Family power – social change: a process of action reflection research 1976-1978*. Prospectus, guidelines, and working papers; 'Australia and the non-white migrant', by Ian McDougall, 1971; 'Racism and Christian missions', by Frank G. Engel, 1971; 'Racism in Australia: an introductory perspective', by A. Barrie Pittock, 1971; *Submission to the Ministerial Committee on Aboriginal Affairs by the Australian Council of Churches on Aboriginal Land Rights*, November 1971; 'Martin Luther King Memorial Lecture', by The Rt. Rev. Colin O'Brien Winter, 1972; and 'Report on cotton chippers strike at Wee Waa', by Rev. H. Herbert, 1973. Also includes Young Aboriginal Movement. Constitution, n.d

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Series 7 NAILM – Correspondence, 1978-79

At the 21st FCAATSI Annual Conference, held in Canberra 1978 a proposal was moved by General Secretary, Gordon Briscoe, to change the name of FCAATSI to the National Aboriginal and Islander Liberation Movement (NAILM). In a letter to affiliates dated 24 March 1978 Briscoe argued that the word 'Advancement' was 'paternalistic and obsolete' and that 'our objective is to liberate Aborigines and Island peoples, their land, societies and institutions from Colonial oppression'. The proposal was passed and Naomi Mayers became the first General Secretary to serve under the new name. See also NAILM Executive minutes, [Series 1 Item 6](#).

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- 1-2 1978-79. Includes letters of Sandra Neilley, Josie Briggs, Frank Chulung (with background notes on the formation of Kimberley Land Council), Chris Jard, John Whinray and others. Mainly concerned with administrative arrangements, affiliation renewal and a funding appeal. Also includes letter 'To Affiliates' from Gordon Briscoe dated 24 March 1978 re. the change of name from FCAATSI to NAILM with various drafts of 'Proposed Constitution Amendments'
- 3 Correspondence not sent. Letters, some with cheques and/or receipts and envelopes, November-December, 1978
- 4-6 Appeal for funds' correspondence not sent. Circular letter from Joe McGinness, President, concerning 'Appeal for funds'; with one hundred and ninety-eight addressed stamped and/or unstamped envelopes, n.d

Series 8 Treasurer - Correspondence, 1969-78

The Treasurer was elected annually to the Executive Committee of FCAATSI. He or she was

required to receive money subscribed or donated to the FCAATSI and present an audited balance sheet to the Annual General Meeting. Treasurers included Jean Horner, Emil Witton, Stan Pelczynski, Harrison George and Evelyn Scott (for FCAATSI) and Janet Layton (for NAILM).

This series comprises correspondence, statements of expenditure, cashbooks, receipt books, bank statements, reports, and notes assembled by the Treasurers and Consultant Secretaries. Records of Treasurer, Jean Horner are found within the General Secretary's correspondence in [Series 2](#). See also [Series 12 Item 24](#) for payment of royalties from books published.

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- 1-3 Correspondence, 1969-72. Includes letters of Emil Witton (Treasurer), Joe McGinness, various trade union officials, donors and others; Treasurer's reports; special reports; receipts; and minutes of Executive Committee meetings, 1971. Papers mention land rights campaign, donations and registration details for a landrover
- 4 Milford legacy, 1973. Gerald Douglas Millford, retired solicitor, left a legacy in his will to the Aboriginal-Australian Fellowship [Fellowship dissolved 1969]. Letters refer to the legal transference of the legacy to FCAATSI
- 5-6 Correspondence, 1973-76. Mainly letters and notes to Stan Pelczynski (Treasurer) from Emil Witton, Joe McGinness, Sandra McGinness, Barry Christophers, Evelyn Scott, Josie Briggs and others on a range of financial matters, in particular, the FCAATSI annual conference
- 7-9 Correspondence, 1973-76. Mainly financial correspondence between Josie Briggs (Consultant Secretary) and Stan Pelczynski (Treasurer). Includes letters to Sandra McGinness, notes and typescript salary receipts of Josie Briggs. Includes mention of moneys from affiliates, some personal details, donations, and FCAATSI annual conferences
- 10 Wages, 1974-77. Includes workers' compensation policies; papers relating to the payment of wages to Josie Briggs and Janet Layton; and general information on award wages collected by Stan Pelczynski
- 11 Correspondence, 1976. Package of financial papers sent to the new Treasurer, Harrison George, from Stan Pelczynski. Includes correspondence, statements of accounts, handwritten statements of receipts and expenditures, reports etc., 1970-76
- 12-13 Grant applications correspondence, c.1972-76. Correspondence with the Commonwealth Department of Aboriginal Affairs. Includes copies of grant applications; and *Financial rules for the guidance of Aboriginal organisations and communities receiving Australian Government Funds*, by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, 1974
- 14 Correspondence, 1976-78. Letters of Janet Layton (Secretary), Michael Shegog (National Co-ordinator), Stan Pelczynski and Josie Briggs on wages of National Co-ordinator, grants, Ansett Airlines of Australia credit card; Trans-Australia Airlines charge account; and other miscellaneous financial matters. Possibly compiled by Janet Layton and/or Michael Shegog
- 15 Taxation papers, 1977-78. Includes taxation forms, receipts and correspondence

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concerning the employment of Marcia Langton and Sandra Neilley. Also includes correspondence of Australian Bureau of Statistics re. Survey of Group Employer Registrations

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Series 9 Treasurer - Account books, financial statements etc., 1963-79

This series comprises annual statements of income and expenditure, handwritten account books, bank account statements, bank deposit books, cash receipt books, bank cheque butts, and statements of accounts with Ansett Airlines of Australia.

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- 1-3 Statements of income and expenditure, 1963-77. Includes official annual statements, 1963-77; miscellaneous Treasurer's reports and notes; Auditor's correspondence and reports; and statements of receipts and expenditure with related correspondence from Josie Briggs, 1975-76
- 4 Account book, January 1970 - December 1972. Foolsap Collins Analysis Book 61 Series. Includes handwritten itemised list of monthly receipts and expenditures with loose-leaf correspondence from the Auditor, and Jean Horner (Treasurer), 1972. As found
- 5 Account book, January 1973 - April 1973. Foolsap Collins Column Analysis Book 61 Series. Includes handwritten itemised lists of monthly receipts and expenditures with loose-leaf note from the Auditor
- 6 Account book, May 1973 - April 1976. Norman Account Book Series 3. Includes handwritten lists of monthly expenditure
- 7 Account books, 1975-76. Photocopies of account books showing receipts and expenditure and petty cash. In particular, accounts for the FCAATSI annual conferences
- 8-10 Cash receipt books, 1970-73. Six Witton Press Pty. Ltd. [receipt books] with carbon copies of receipts for donations, book sales, conference accommodation, registration and observer fees, and affiliation fees. Mainly relate to FCAATSI annual conferences. Books numbered 3401-3500 (1970-72); 3500-3600 (1972); 3601-3700 (1972); 3701-3800 (1972); 3801-3900 (1973); 3901-4000 (1973)
- 11-12 Cash receipt books, 1974-76. Six Norman Bros. Pty. Ltd. cash receipt books Nos.15 and/or 19. Also includes Olympic 'Clamis' Cash Receipt book with carbon copies of receipts related to International Women's Year. Indigenous Women's Conference, Canberra, 1975 with letter from Josie Briggs

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- 13-15 Airline tickets, 1973-79. Includes airline itinerary for FCAATSI Conference delegates; Ansett Airlines of Australia and Trans-Australia Airlines (TAA) tickets (passengers' copies); Ansett refund vouchers; Ansett statement of accounts; handwritten summary of Ansett account; and notes and occasional correspondence concerning conference travel expenditure. See also [Series 9 Items 17 and 18](#) and [Series 8 Item 13](#)
- 16 Petty cash book, 1971-73. Blue half-foolscap lined book listing miscellaneous items purchased on petty cash. Entries at back refer to conference airfares, c .1975
- 17-22 Miscellaneous receipts, 1971-76. Mainly receipts received and accompanying invoices. Also occasional correspondence; and Ansett Airlines of Australia statement of accounts and refund vouchers, 1972. Includes references to wages paid to Josie Briggs, petty cash, general administrative costs, landrover maintenance, and FCAATSI conference expenses. As found
- 23 Miscellaneous bank statements, 1971-77. Includes Commonwealth Bank statements, 1971; Bank of New South Wales (Sydney) statements, 1971-73; Bank of New South Wales (Melbourne) statements, 1974-76, and associated 'Authority form', 1975; and Commonwealth Bank (Canberra) statement, 1976-77. Also includes letter re. Exemption from Stamp Duty, 1969 and *Certificate of Exemption from Stamp Duty*, 1973
- 24 Bank deposit books, 1971-75. Includes seven used FCAATSI deposit books for Bank of New South Wales (Sydney), 1971-73; Bank of New South Wales (Melbourne) 1974-76; and Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia (Canberra), 1975
- 25-26 Bank chequebooks, 1971-76. Eleven Bank of New South Wales chequebooks containing used cheque butts and/or cancelled cheques

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Series 10 National Co-ordinator – Correspondence, 1976-77

The position of National Co-ordinator, based in Canberra ACT, appears to have commenced on a part-time basis about August 1976 becoming a full-time position in January 1977. Although conference organisation must have been a priority for the National Co-ordinator, the files suggest a much more varied role. Michael Shegog was the only person to hold the position which he held from 1976 to late 1977.

This series includes copies of letters sent, handwritten telegrams, notes, and draft press release and a submission of Michael Shegog. For further correspondence see also references to Michael Shegog in [Series 2](#), [3](#), [6](#) and [8](#).

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- 1-3 Correspondence 1976-77. Mainly letters of Michael Shegog to Evelyn Scott, various trade union officials and others. Mention is made to an appeal for funds for land rights in the Northern Territory; appeal for further operational funds; events at Edward River Community; Torres Strait Islander border issue; the International Labor

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Organisation Convention; Women's Advisory Body Working Party, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; acknowledgment of donations and issue of receipts; grants from Commonwealth Department of Aboriginal Affairs; Inquiry into Unemployment Benefit Policy and Administration; office equipment and telephone credit card; conference bookings; and payment for such things as library publications and legal fees

- 4 Workers' compensation, 1977. Papers relating to FCAATSI worker's compensation policy with the Government Insurance Office of NSW (Canberra Branch) for the position of 'Conference Co-ordinator'



Group of delegates to FCAATSI Conference, Canberra ACT 1967. Includes Doug Nichols, Joe McGinness, B. Groves, Faith Bandler, Harry Penrith (Burnum Burnum), Charles Perkins, John Moriarty, Bill Onus, Clive Williams, Gladys Elphick, Jack Hassen, Alick Jackomas, Merle Jackomos, Andrew Jackomos and Esmal Jackamos. AIATSIS N374604A

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Series 11 Conferences, 1958-78

Section 8 of the FCAATSI Constitution states: 'It shall be the duty of the Council to convene Conferences of persons accepting the principles as set out in the Constitution. Such conferences shall consist of the National Conference and such regional Conferences as it shall deem advisable'.

From its beginnings in 1958 until its demise in 1978 FCAATSI held a national or annual conference around the Easter break. Initially the conferences operated as a forum for opinion for mostly non-Indigenous peoples interested in the issues of social justice with only four Indigenous Australians attending out of a total thirty. However, as greater numbers of Indigenous Australians joined [about 250 by 1971], the FCAATSI Conference eventually became a forum for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander viewpoint in Australian political life.

The first FCAATSI Conference was held in Adelaide from 14-16 February 1958. Subsequent conferences were held in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Townsville, Alice Springs and Canberra. From 1963 to 1978 most of the annual conferences were held in Canberra. There were twenty

FCAATSI Annual Conferences between 1958 and 1978, with no 6th Annual Conference, and only a 6th Annual General Meeting, in 1963.

The first session of each annual conference was traditionally the 'All Aboriginal Session'. Established as a result of a suggestion by Pastor Doug Nicholls at the Third Annual Conference, 1961, this session was closed to all except Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and was used as a means of bringing out the opinions and views of the Aboriginal and Islander peoples attending the conference. As Acting General Secretary, Jack Horner later wrote when describing the tradition, 'for when whites are present many Aborigines tend to dry up for shyness' [letter to Carl Canteri, 2 June 1972].

The FCAATSI conferences brought scores, sometimes hundreds, of people together in an atmosphere of conviviality to renew old friendships and set the political agenda. Through the various motions adopted and implemented at the conferences, Indigenous Australians had a much greater political voice and were able to place continuous pressure on Federal Governments. Each conference focused on a particular theme or issue. For example, the adoption of the International Labour Organisation Convention 107 (Melbourne, 1959); the *Queensland Aborigines' Act* (Brisbane, 1961); the excision of Aboriginal mission land by the Commonwealth Government to allow bauxite mining at Gove Peninsula (Canberra, 1964); social conditions in Alice Springs (Alice Springs, 1972); discrimination in wages and permanent employment (Brisbane, 1973); and land rights and self management (Canberra, 1976).

The FCAATSI Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in conjunction with the annual conference. From 1963 it included a complex dual system of voting devised by Stan Davey from Western Australia. This was to ensure that affiliated organisations that either comprised Indigenous peoples only, or non-Indigenous affiliated organisations directly supporting an Indigenous group, should have a majority vote over other affiliated organisations. At the AGM, the President, General-Secretary, Treasurer, State Secretaries and convenors of the various committees (e.g. Finance, Wages and Employment, Land and Reserves, Publications and Legal Reform) reported on the years' progress. These reports are found within the Reports and Proceedings listed in the items below.

Following an unsuccessful motion at the 1970 Conference to eliminate effective non-Indigenous participation, the National Tribal Council was formed. Based in Brisbane, this National Tribal Council drew up a constitution which allowed non-Indigenous peoples, who cared to join, the right to speak on an issue but not to vote.

In addition to the Annual Conference, FCAATSI also held conferences on specific issues such as land rights. FCAATSI Executive Committee members were often invited to speak and/or attend various other conferences on Indigenous affairs.

This series comprises 'Reports and Proceedings'. These may include conference agenda; list of Executive Committee members; list of affiliated organisations; minutes of the 'Annual General Conference'; addresses; reports of the President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary, State Secretaries and Convenors of the various committees; and resolutions. The series also includes correspondence, miscellaneous reports, articles, handwritten notes, and conference registration forms.

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- 0 4th National Aboriginal Conference, Brisbane, 31 March – 2 April 1961. Reports and resolutions... vol. 1 [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]; resolutions from the 4th National Conference on Aboriginal Advancement, Easter 1961 [transferred from MS 33 October 1978 addition, May 2007]
- 1 5th Annual Conference, Adelaide, April (Easter Sunday and Monday) 1962. Papers presented...; short article entitled Federal Council for Aboriginal Advancement, *On Aboriginal Affairs*, no. 2, 1962, with 2nd copy of [p.1], a photocopy, [transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007]; Constitution of the Federal Council for Aboriginal Advancement as adopted by the Annual General Meeting [transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007]; summary report [transferred from MS 33 October 1978 addition, May 2007]; and Action programme arising from the 5th Annual General Meeting, photocopy, [transferred from MS 33 October 1978 addition, May 2007]. See also Series 10 Item 6, the [Papers of Lester R. Hiatt](#) held in the Library at MS 4129 and 'Papers presented at the 5th National Conference held in the Library at PMS 574 and PMS 578
- 2 6th Annual General Meeting, Canberra, 12-14 April 1963. Includes Preliminary notice from NSW Secretary; Agenda notice; State Secretary's report – NSW; list of items for possible consideration at the General Meeting, circulated by G[ordon] M. Bryant, Vice-President, 11 April 1963 [transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007]; Invitation to Annual General Meeting, n.d.; list of organisations affiliated to the Federal Council, annotated 'For reference April 1963' [transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007]; 'Resolutions of the 6th Annual General Meeting... also Standing Committees appointed by the Executive Meeting held on Monday, 15th April 1963' (3 copies), [copy 1 transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007, copies 2 and 3 transferred from MS 33 1978 Addition, May 2007], copy 3 a photocopy. No annual conference was held in 1963 [Agenda, resolutions and preliminary statements for discussion during the [Annual General Meeting?] and other related papers are also held by the Library at PMS 583
- 3 7th Annual Conference, Canberra, 27-29 March 1964. Includes Preliminary notice [copy 2 transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007] and enrolment form (3 copies, [copy 3 transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007]; Reports & arrangements... [transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007]; 'Questions on "Aboriginal Affairs" for election candidates' [transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007] 'Notice of motion re amendments to Constitution, submission from Executive Committee', by Stan Davey, General Secretary; 'Government legislation and the Aborigines', prepared for the Federal Council for Aboriginal Advancement by the Sub-Committee on Legislative Reform - a preliminary communication subject to revision [transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007. Also held by Library at RP FED]; and 'International Labour Organisation and assimilation, presented to the ... Conference,,,'
- 3a 8th Annual Conference, Canberra, 16-18 April 1965. Reports & resolutions [transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007]
- 4 9th Annual Conference, Canberra, 8-10 April 1966. Reports & recommendations (2 copies) [copy 2 transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007]; Housing report, by convenors, Ron Hancock and Harry Penrith [Burnum Burnum]
- 4a 10th Annual Conference, Canberra, 24-26 March 1967. Reports & proceedings [transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007]
- 5 11th Annual Conference, Canberra, 12-14 April 1968. Includes Reports and Proceedings (2 copies), copy 2, a photocopy, [transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007];

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- Address by Dr. H.C. Coombs, Chairman of the Commonwealth Council for Aboriginal Affairs, at the Conference... 12 April 1968 (2 copies), copy 2, a photocopy, [transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007]; handwritten minutes – notes only (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 2304 May 2007]; and Motion on racial discrimination in Cairns (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]
- 6 12th Annual Conference, Canberra, 4-6 April 1969. Includes Reports and Proceedings (3 copies), [copy 3 transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007];;
- Report of the All-Aboriginal Sub-Committee, by H.J. Penrith (2 copies); Aborigines and north-west...Kimberley Stations, a report by Stan Davey (2 copies), [copy 2 transferred from MS 33 1978 Addition, May 2007]; Autonomy and self determination for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, a report by J.S. Baker; [report on a meeting of delegates from unions...on trade union considerations in the rights and advancement of Aborigines], convenor, John Baker, Trade Union Committee (3 copies), copy 2, a photocopy, [transferred from MS 2304 1978 Addition, May 2007], and copy 3 transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; and petition forms
- 7 13th Annual Conference, Canberra, 27-29 March 1970. Includes Reports and Proceedings (2 copies), copy 2, a photocopy [transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007]; Report of 13th Annual Conference (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007]; Queensland Secretary's report, October 3/4 1970, by L.G. McBride [transferred from MS 33 1978 Addition, May 2007] and manuscript fragments, n.d.
- 8 14th Annual Conference, Townsville, 9-11 April 1971. Includes Reports and Proceedings (2 copies), [copy 2 transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007]; Agenda notice (2 copies) copy 2, a photocopy, [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]; [Resolutions] of Annual General Meeting 11 May 1971 (3 copies) copy 3 a photocopy [transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007]; and Minutes of the meeting...held on Saturday, 10th April 1971 – 'The Queensland Trust Fund is racist' (3 copies) copy 3, a photocopy, [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]; General Secretary's report, 30th October 1971 (2 copies), copy 2, a photocopy, [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007] and 'The repeal of the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders' Act of 1965 of Queensland', delivered by James Staples; See also [Series 21 Item 4](#)
- 9a-b 15th Annual Conference, Alice Springs 31 March - 2 April 1972. Includes [Preliminary notice] from Gordon Bryant, MP, Senior Vice-President (3 copies), copy 3 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; Agenda and associated papers; [Report] of Annual General Meeting 2 April 1972 (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; Report of 15th Annual Conference (6 copies – 1 incomplete), copies 4 and 5 photocopies [transferred from MS 33, May 2007, 1 from the 1978 Addition]; Reports by Joe McGinness (President 2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007], L.G. McBride (Queensland Secretary), Trade Union Commission of FCAATSI (4 copies), copy 4 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007], (Item 9a). Committee on Legal Rights (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007], Sub-Committee on Education (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007], and Thursday Island (2 copies) found loose; Resolutions adopted at the 15th Annual Conference with covering letter by Gordon Bryant (2 copies), copies 2 are photocopies [transferred from MS 33, May 2007] ; and hiring agreement for the conference venue (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 2304, May

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- 10-11 16th Annual Conference, Brisbane, 20-22 April 1973. Includes Reports and Proceedings (3 copies); Provisional Agenda; Agenda (3 copies), copy 3 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; [Agenda and proceedings of] All-Black Sessions, 20 April 1973 (2 copies of proceedings), copy 2, a photocopy, [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007] (Item 10); Report of Joe McGinness (President, 2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; Mr R. Finney, Solicitor for Aborigines & Islanders Legal Aid Service, Brisbane (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; Wages and Employment Committee, 1972-1973; to NSW Teachers' Federation; C. Grogan on Aboriginal convictions and rehabilitation; report entitled 'Don't act for us, act with us', found loose and Report Central Australia Northern Territory...' by Joyce Claugue [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; 'Resolutions carried...' (4 copies), copy 4 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; Accommodation form and Treasurer's report, November – December 1972 [transferred from MS 33, May 2007] and Notice of motion, by Faith Bandler (General Secretary); miscellaneous handwritten and shorthand notes; and other papers (Item 11)
- 12-14b 17th Annual Conference, Townsville, 12-14 April 1974. Includes Reports and Proceedings (5 copies), [copy 5 transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007]; annual report of Queensland Council for the Advancement of Aborigines & Torres Strait Islanders, found loose; Draft minutes of AGM (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; Resolutions, typescript and handwritten (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; completed Delegates' Registration Forms and nominations for positions of office; photocopies of Delegates' Registration Forms and nominations for positions of office, [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]; Lists of delegates and observers, photocopies [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007] correspondence, mainly of Evelyn Scott (Acting General Secretary) concerning conference arrangement and hire of conference venue, with 2nd copies (photocopies) of many of the original letters [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]; 'Richard Martin – Parole Campaign – Wacol Prison' (handwritten, 2 copies, 1 a photocopy); and minister's movements (travel) from Thursday April 11, 1974 (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]. See also [Series 21 Item 4](#) and [Series 32 Item 1](#).
- 15 18th Annual Conference, Canberra, 28-30 March 1975 (Part 1). This Conference was occasionally referred to as the 17th Annual Conference. Includes Reports and Proceedings (3 copies–1 incomplete), [copy 2 transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007]; List of Executive members (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]; [Annual Conference arrangements] notices; Agenda notices, some of which are photocopies [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]
- 16-17 18th Annual Conference, Canberra, 28-30 March 1975 (Part 2). Letters of Josie Briggs, Evelyn Scott and Joe McGinness and others concerning conference matters, including photocopies, mainly copies of originals held in the collection [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]
- 18 18th Annual Conference, Canberra, 28-30 March 1975 (Part 3). Includes miscellaneous draft minutes, resolutions, lists of delegates, speakers and members, papers relating to travel arrangements and other papers relating to the administrative aspects of the Conference; and notes, including some photocopies [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]. Also includes 'Speech by the Prime Minister, The Hon. E.G.

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- Whitlam, QC, MP, for the opening of the 17th National Conference... 28 March 1975' (3 copies), copy 3 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; Address by Charles Perkins (General Secretary), 28 March 1975 (2 copies); 'Where do we go from here?' an address to the conference, by Senator Neville T. Bonner, 29 March 1975 (2 copies), copy 2 [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; West Australian Secretary report... by J. Davis (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007], South Australia report by Des Price, State Secretary; Report, by T. O'Shane, a photocopy [transferred from MS 33 May 2007]; Sunday, March 30th, 1975; [General Secretary's report, photocopy, and photocopy of annotated transcript of report [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; Report from the State Secretary of Torres Strait Islanders and Aborigines, Thursday Island Branch (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; [Alcohol problems of Aborigines] (2 copies) copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; Government legislation and the Aborigines, incomplete (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; Report of the A[boriginal] M[edical] S[ervice] Executive Officer on the AMS Clinic from Oct. 73 – Oct. 74, (2 copies) copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; Revised Constitution... adopted by the Council's A.G.M. 1975 (2 copies), copy 2, photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; and Restructuring suggestions for the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders' found loose (3 copies, copy 3 missing p. 3 [and transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]
- 19 18th Annual Conference, Canberra, 28-30 March 1975 (Part 4). Includes miscellaneous papers, mainly handwritten notes
- 20 19th Annual Conference, Canberra, 16-18 April 1976. (Part 1) Includes typescript and handwritten draft Conference proceedings
- 21 19th Annual Conference, Canberra, 16-18 April 1976. (Part 2). Includes Presidents Annual Report Easter 1976, by Joe McGinness; General Secretary's report, by Josie Briggs, photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; State Secretary, Victoria... Report, by Eleanor Harding (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; South Aust Report with Aboriginal Hostels Limited, by Desmond Price; Press statement to *Canberra Times*, by J.M. Layton, General Secretary and newspaper clipping (2 copies), copies 2 are photocopies [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]; FCAATSI financial statements and auditors reports, 1975-76, photocopy of Statement of receipts and expenditure for the year 1-1-75 to 30-6-75 [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007] and Proclamation by members of the National Congress of the Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders assembled... on 10th day of March 1976... (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]
- 22 19th Annual Conference, Canberra, 16-18 April 1976. (Part 3). Includes Agenda for the annual conference which entitled 'Land Rights and Self-Management' (5 copies), copy 5 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; Information sheet for conference participants [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; nineteen completed conference registration forms; completed nomination forms for vacant positions on the FCAATSI Executive Committee (2 copies), 2nd copies are photocopies [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]
- 23 19th Annual Conference, Canberra, 16-18 April 1976. (Part 4). Includes recommendation from the Health Syndicate, handwritten, annotated 'Gordon Briscoe' [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; Ancol exercise book containing record of conference proceedings, by Josie Briggs; Spirax notebook no. 563 [with notes by

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- 24 19th Annual Conference, Canberra, 16-18 April 1976. (Part 5). Includes correspondence; and copies of speeches by Ruby Hammond, Barbara Weithiem, Mrs Jimmy, Daisy Wagbara, Mangjwa and Charles Perkins [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]
- 25-26 20th Annual Conference, Canberra, 8-11 April 1977 (Parts 1-2). Includes Minutes and Proceedings, 9th and 16th April 1977 (8 copies), [copy 7 transferred from RS 24/1, May 2007 and copy 8 transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]
- 27 20th Annual Conference, Canberra, 8-11 April 1977 (Part 3). Includes draft summary of proceedings (2 copies); proceedings; minutes of Annual General Meeting, Programme (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; preliminary conference notice; Revised Constitution (2 copies); President's annual report by Joe McGinness (5 copies) and 'Birth of F.C.A.A.T.S.I. (5 copies, one incomplete), copies 2 and 3 are photocopies [transferred from MS 2304 and MS 33, May 2007]; Attendance sheet of Land Subcommittee meeting, Canberra, 8 April (3 copies) and Minutes of 1st Meeting of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Land Rights Co-ordinating Committee, Canberra, 9 April (3 copies), copies 3 of each are photocopies [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]; Minutes of meeting between Executive, N.A.C.C. And F.C.A.A.T.S.I., Woden, 8 March (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]; Minutes of Management Committee, Red Hill, 5 March (3 copies), copies 2 and 3 are photocopies [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007] and handwritten draft minutes (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]
- 28 20th Annual Conference, Canberra, 8-11 April 1977 (Part 4). Includes financial papers, including photocopies [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007], newspaper clippings, reports with handwritten notes of Michael Shegog; and flyer, 'N.S.W. Land rights: what do we want?' for a meeting to be held on 19 February 1977 in Dubbo to discuss need for a N.S.W. Aboriginal Land Council, (2 copies) copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]
- 29 20th Annual Conference, Canberra, 8-11 April 1977 (Part 5). Includes handwritten draft letter 'To Affiliates' from Gordon Briscoe (General Secretary) concerning proposed new constitution incorporating change of name from FCAATSI to National Aboriginal and Islander Liberation Movement (NAILM), 3pp. (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]; finalised copy of Briscoe's letter, a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007] various drafts of document placed before the Annual General Meeting concerning proposed new constitution, by Gordon Briscoe. Handwritten (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007] and typescript, 17+10pp. (4 copies – 2 annotated), 2 copies are photocopies [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]; and 'What is happening to FCAATSI?', authorised by Black Defence Group (2 copies), copy 2 a photocopy [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]
- 30 20th Annual Conference, Canberra, 8-11 April 1977 (Part 6). Includes correspondence and draft letters of Michael Shegog concerning conference matters, including photocopies (mainly 2nd copies) [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]
- 31 20th Annual Conference, Canberra, 8-11 April 1977 (Part 7). Includes paper entitled 'Aborigines and the bureaucracy', by Charles Perkins with handwritten note to Michael

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- [Shegog?] from Charles Perkins accompanying a rough draft, 23 October 1975 (includes pp.2-3 of unidentified paper). Typescript photocopy, 19pp (2 copies), 2nd copies are photocopies [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]; notes and speaking cards [for rally presentation in handwriting of Charles Perkins?]; *Report on inquiry... into the existence of racial discrimination in northern New South Wales and North Queensland and the combat of that discrimination*, by the Australian Office of Community Relations, June 1976, 14pp. [Distributed at conference at request of Charles Perkins].
- 32-33 20th Annual Conference, Canberra, 8-11 April 1977 (Part 8-9). Consists of completed conference registration forms (Items 32-33)
- 34-36 21st Annual Conference, Canberra, 24-26 March 1978. Includes Annual General Meeting and Conference Agenda [notice]; General Secretary's report, by Marcia Langton (3 copies) (Item 34); circular letters, blank and completed affiliation forms; handwritten notes of Sandra Neilley and/or Debbie Madden (Conference Organiser) on behalf of Marcia Langton; Aboriginal issues: Easter meeting for FCAATSI, by Marcia Langton, *Nunga News*, [March?] 1978; Aboriginal Conference: 'Liberation movement' backs Federal moves in Qld, *Canberra Times*, 27 March 1978; [report on] the Australian Social Welfare Union, 2pp. (Item 35); and correspondence concerning conference matters (Item 36)
- 37 Resolutions, 1958-77. Includes subject index to resolutions passed at Conferences 1-8; Resolutions passed at the four National Conferences of Aboriginal Affairs (2 copies); miscellaneous typescript and handwritten resolutions, n.d; Resolutions adopted at the 15th Annual Conference, Alice Springs, 1972 (3 copies); Resolutions carried during the [16th] Annual Conference, Brisbane, 1973 (2 copies); Resolutions adopted at the [17th] Annual Conference, Townsville, 1974; Resolutions at the [18th] Annual Conference, Canberra, 1975; and Resolutions – 1977 Conference. As found
- 38-39 Land Rights Conferences and related material, 1973-77. Land Rights Conference Appeal [leaflet], April 1973; resolutions passed at FCAATSI Conferences on Land Rights, with associated letters of Josie Briggs, 1974-75; Cairns Aboriginal Land Rights Conference, 28-30 November 1975: Action motions; [FCAATSI] Proposed campaign for land rights for Aborigines, and associated background material; Aboriginal land rights: the continuing campaign. Speech by the Hon. E.G. Whitlam... to a Land Rights Conference of the North Queensland Land Rights Committee, Cairns, 21 January 1977; Attendance sheet and minutes of FCAATSI Land Rights Subcommittee, April 1977 (Item 38); FCAATSI National Land Rights Coordinating Committee. Minutes of meeting 4 May 1977; Land Rights Conference minutes, 20-22 June 1977; NSW Land Rights Conference, 1-3 October 1977. Agenda, and aims adopted by NSW Aboriginal Land Council; Minutes of Aboriginal Land Council meeting at Amoonguna 4th April, 1977; and Dubbo Aboriginal Land Conference [handwritten minutes], dated 2 April 1977 (Item 39)
- 40 FCAATSI Committee on Legislative Reform, c.1963-66. Comprises FCAATSI publications entitled *Government legislation and the Aborigines*, 1964. Photocopy + typescript manuscript, 35+22pp.; *Principles of legislation for the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders*. Roneoed typescript, foolscap, April 1965 [12pp.], and February 1966 [22pp.]. Possibly presented to FCAATSI annual conference. As found. See also Miscellaneous material – Legal, [Series 26](#)
- 41 Conference on the future of Fingal Head, 4 October 1969. Papers relating to the fight

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of Fingal Head residents to retain reserve land they had occupied for seventy years. The residents feared the New South Wales government planned to evict them and open the area to land developers. Includes [refusal of applications to convert lease over the area in question to freehold title], Land Board Office, Grafton, 1968; newspaper clippings, 1969; letter to Alfred R. Bekue from E.G. Whitlam, Leader of the Opposition, re. Labour policy on Aboriginal lands, 2 October 1969; list of delegates to Conference on Fingal Land Issues, 4 October 1969; Conference on the future of Fingal Head. Proceedings, 4 October 1969 (5 copies, 3pp.+draft); draft resolution of official delegate [for the residents of Letitia Road, Fingal], with related correspondence, 20 June 1970; correspondence from NSW and local government officials to the President, Fingal Aboriginal & Islanders Movement concerning Fingal Point, 1969-71; and completed petition forms, 1973. Closed.

- 42 Aboriginal and Islander Women's Conference for International Women's Year, Townsville, 29-30 August 1975. Reports and proceedings. Roneoed typescript, 64pp.+photocopy
- 43 International Conference of Indigenous Peoples, Port Alberni, British Columbia, 27-31 October 1975. Includes photocopies of report on the conference submitted by Marie Marule, April 1976, 71pp.; and miscellaneous papers from the conference
- 44 Pacific Women's Conference, Suva, Fiji, 27 October - 2 November 1975. Includes report by Ruby Hammond, delegate for FCAATSI (4 copies); and papers of Josie Briggs concerning financial arrangements, 1976. Closed
- 45 Miscellaneous conference information, 1970, 1975-78. Includes information brochures, leaflets and application forms for upcoming conferences on Indigenous issues; and newspaper clippings reporting on conferences

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Series 12 Administrative material, 1970-78

This series includes general administrative tools such as alphabetical card indexes, address books, indexed notebooks and files used in the offices of the General Secretary and/or the National Co-ordinator. See [Scope and Content Note](#) for further comments on the alphabetical card indexes.

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- 1-3 Alphabetical card index to original files. Various coloured (130 x 75mm) index cards with handwritten file names. For file names A-C see Item 1; D-M see Item 2; N-Z see Item 3
- 4-6 Alphabetical card index to original files. Blue (130 x 75mm) index cards with typescript file names. For file names A-B see Item 4; C-J see Item 5; L-Z see Item 6

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- 7 Alphabetical card index to affiliated organisations. Blue (130 x 75mm) index cards containing handwritten names of affiliated organisations and names of delegate/s [attending FCAATSI conference], n.d.
- 8 Alphabetical card index to affiliated organisations. Orange and white (130 x 75mm) index cards with handwritten names of affiliated organisations and names of delegates [attending FCAATSI conference], 1977
- 9 Miscellaneous index cards to affiliated organisations. Blue (130 x 75mm) index cards with typescript names and addresses of affiliated organisations and handwritten affiliation details, c.1975-77. Sent to Janet Layton from Josie Briggs
- 10 Library index notebook, 1976-77. Brown alphabetical index notebook with handwritten entries listing monographs, journals, newsletters etc. received in the FCAATSI Library. Also includes miscellaneous lists of file headings
- 11 Lists of affiliated organisations, 1970-78. Typescript and handwritten lists giving name and address of affiliated organisations for each year. Incomplete. See also Reports and/or Minutes and Proceedings in [Series 11](#)
- 12 Address lists for Members and Senators, 1974-76. Includes photocopies of official Commonwealth lists, and handwritten adhesive labels
- 13 Australia. Department of Aboriginal Affairs. Internal telephone directory, 1976. Annotated
- 14 Miscellaneous address lists. Includes handwritten and typescript lists of names and addresses of trade unions and media organisations
- 15-19 Address lists of Indigenous organisations, c.1973-77. Includes miscellaneous typescript and/or handwritten lists of affiliated organisations; Contacts for African publicity; Church and mission organisations; Northern Territory. Department of Education. Schools – Head and Regional Offices, 1976; Associations on stations and pastoral properties; Hostels (WA); ‘Aboriginal’ communities and organisations, by state; ‘Aboriginal’ interest and lobby groups; ‘Aboriginal’ newsletters and publications; ‘Publications produced specifically of Aboriginals and those interested in Aboriginal affairs’; and Commissions, boards etc. involved in ‘Aboriginal’ affairs
- 20 Closed. Includes ‘Grant-in-aid. Grants approved – period 1.7.76 - 31.12.76’ [for housing to Indigenous organisations], and handwritten list of names and addresses [of possible donors]
- 21 C of A notebook, c.1976. Lined alphabetically indexed notebook containing names, addresses and telephone numbers [in handwriting of Michael Shegog]
- 22 Dataday index 19/1 notebook, c.1976-77. Lined alphabetically indexed notebook containing names, addresses and telephone numbers [possibly in handwriting of Michael Shegog and Sandra Neilley]
- 23 Stamps. Olympic Note book No. 2019, 1977-78. Spiral bound, lined notebook listing accounts for stamps purchased. Shows date, name of purchaser and number of stamps purchased [possibly in handwriting of Sandra Neilley]
- 24 Australia & New Zealand Book Company, 1972-77. Correspondence between the

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General Secretary, FCAATSI and the Australia & New Zealand Book Company Pty. Ltd. concerning the donation of royalties from books published, to FCAATSI. Also includes copies of *ANZ News* and publicity material. Closed

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Series 13 Circulars, press releases and reports, 1959-78

This series includes circular letters to affiliated organisations; press statements of the FCAATSI Executive, affiliated and/or interested organisations; Commonwealth Government press statements on Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders; and miscellaneous reports. The items below are made up from original files with the addition of various papers found loose by AIATSIS Library. See also reports listed in [Series 11](#) and Commonwealth Department of Aboriginal Affairs material listed in [Series 35 Item 1](#).

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- 1-2 Circulars to affiliated organisations, 1972-78. Includes miscellaneous circulars from President, Joe McGinness (1972, 1977); and General Secretaries, Jack Horner (1972), Pat Turner (n.d.), Gordon Briscoe (1976), Janet Layton (1976) and Marcia Langton (1977-78). Matters discussed include Executive meetings and upcoming FCAATSI annual conferences, FCAATSI draft policies on education and political parties; Fraser Government's budget cuts in 'Aboriginal Affairs'; land rights and uranium mining; and FCAATSI appeal for funds. Incomplete
- 3 Press statements, 1963-69. Includes drafts and roneoed copies of press statements issued by FCAATSI and affiliated organisations concerning legal action on behalf of Aboriginal residents of Yirrkala, 1963; the inequities of the *Queensland Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders' Affairs Act* of 1965, and 1970-71; Nabarlek, n.d.; policy platform of the ALP Federal Executive, c.1972; legal case of Mrs Nancy Young, c.1969; appeal for support for Gurindji Aboriginal people 'that appear to be leaving Wave Hill Station', c.1969; protest vigil on Aboriginal land rights, 1969; response to an article *Courier Mail*, 8 February 1969, re. Woorabinda conditions, Queensland; George Winungoidj; 'Aboriginal reserves mining royalties', 1969; 'Aborigines literacy classes choked by red tape', 1969; platform for FCAATSI land rights campaign, 1969; 'The Queensland Trust Fund', 1969; announcement of public seminar on 'Self-government for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in Australia', 1969; 'Broome Shire orders Aboriginal news sheet to be burnt' (+ copy of news sheet *Nganbaiwandi minyardi wangki*), November 1969; and response to shooting by police of Raymond Watson on an Aboriginal reserve at Laverton, 1969
- 4 Press statements, 1970-74. Includes drafts and roneoed copies of press statements issued by FCAATSI concerning civil rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, 1970; 'A day of mourning', 1970; 'Mass meeting' [to seek public support for Gurindji to claim back their tribal lands], 1970; *Queensland Aborigines and Torres Strait*

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- Islanders' Affairs Act* of 1965, and 1970-71; wage rates of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, 1971; accusations by Queensland Premier Mr Bjelke-Peterson re. Federal government lacking knowledge of Aboriginal problems in Queensland, 1971; 'Racism' theme for annual conference, 1971; South African Springbok Tour, 1971; living conditions of Aborigines in Alice Springs, 1972; 'Black ballot power', n.d.; removal of Aboriginal Embassy, 1972; serious health situation of the Indigenous peoples of the Northern Territory, 1972; and forthcoming annual conferences, 1974-75
- 5 Press statements, 1975-78. Includes drafts and photocopies of press statements of FCAATSI and affiliated organisations concerning Aboriginal rights in Aurukun, 1976; draft Northern Territory land rights legislation, 1976; budget cuts in Aboriginal Affairs, 1976; forthcoming annual conference, 1977; government policy on uranium mining, 1977; national trachoma program, 1977; anti-uranium land rights campaign, September 1977-78; and control of 'Aboriginal' reserves in Queensland, 1978
- 6 Government press statements, 1963-74. Includes '15th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights', by Commonwealth Department of External Affairs, 1963; 'Office of Aboriginal Affairs', by The Rt. Hon. Harold Holt, CH, MP, 1967; response to visit to Wattie Creek and discussions with Gurindji people, 1968 and 'Payment of royalties to Aboriginal artists', 1969, by W.C. Wentworth MP; 'Employment programme to assist Aborigines', by Commonwealth Department of Labour and National Service, 1969; 'Aboriginal Secondary Grants Scheme', by Department of Education and Science, 1970; the treatment of Australia's Indigenous peoples at Government reserves in Queensland, by Senator Jim Keefe, 1971; 'Integration of Aborigines in Queensland', PM No.44/1971 with 'Analysis of proposed changes in Queensland's Aboriginal legislation issued by the Prime Minister on 8th April, 1971', by Aboriginal and Islanders Tribal Council; 'Release of land for the development of living and other areas for resident Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory', by The Rt. Hon. William McMahon, CH, MP, 1972; 'National consultation with Aborigines', by Peter Howson, MP; 'New provision in support of industrial and commercial training', by Clyde Cameron, MP, 1973; and miscellaneous radio transcripts and newspaper clippings. As found
- 7 Miscellaneous press statements, 1971-77. Comprises Australian Broadcasting Commission transcripts for news stories entitled '[Aboriginal] Conference' and 'Wet canteens attacked', 1971; 'Aboriginal Lands Trust' [NSW], 1972; 'Strong reaction to 'political' closure of conservation organisation', by Dr Peter Springell, April 1975; 'Lake Mungo', by Jeffrey Watson. Australian Broadcasting Commission transcript, 7 June 1975; and 'British Government accused of racism over Australian uranium', by Movement Against Uranium Mining, 1977
- 8 Reports - General, 1959-72. Includes Notes on the Northern Territory, by Barry E. Christophers, 1959; 'The Housing of Unemployed Trust, 1934', by Jack Horner, n.d.; Report of the Committee on Legal Rights, by Jack Horner, n.d.; 'Report on Baryugil Aborigine Conference', by Albert Laird, 1969; 'Black bureaucracy - a white approach to black affairs', by Martin Tuck, n.d.; 'Protection or persecution? Aboriginal policy in North Queensland', by Frank Stevens. Article published in *Dissent*, Winter 1969; Report from J. Horner, on visit of Mr Stan Davey and Jan Richardson to Sydney, 13 June 1970 (2 copies) [copy 2 transferred from MS 33 May 2007]; West Australian Secretary Report to FCAATSI, by J. Davis, n.d.; Report on trip to the Northern Territory, by Joe McGinness, n.d.; Report on Thursday Island visit, by Joe McGinness,

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- May 1970; Specifications for a General Secretary, by Jack Horner, 15 May 1970; 'Report on protest demonstration to Commonwealth Aboriginal Affairs Conference, Cairns', by Joe McGinness, 24 April 1971; Vorster's new sports policy, by Dennis Brutus for SANROC, May 1971; 'How to play the housing game in New South Wales: rules for Aboriginal players', October 1971; Report from Central Australia, by Joyce Clague, October 1971; Report on the Gurindji tribe, by Marjorie Pizer Holburn, n.d.; 'Allegations of racism & prejudice practised by the Townsville police against coloured folks of that city', by Joe McGinness, 1972, with leaflets on 'The Brisbane Three'; and Concise report and overview on the general living conditions on Aboriginal people at Alice Springs and outlying areas in Central Australia, by Neville Perkins, September 1972.
- 9 Reports, 1975-78. Includes 'The ACT Confrontation Movement since 1969' and 'Demo Supreme Court 24.2.75', by Denis Walker, 1975; 'World tour – Israel, Great Britain and the U.S.A., Tuesday 6th - 20th May, 1975' and 'Australia is a racist country (it suppresses and exploits the Aboriginal)', by Charles Perkins [speaking notes?]; 'The forgotten black people, n.d.'; Pacific Women's Conference spells way for change, by Ruby Hammond, 1975; fragment [re. State Executive office], by Evelyn Scott, September 1975; *Aboriginal Australian 1967-76: a decade of progress?*, address by H.C. Coombs, 1976; 'Aboriginal health and land rights' and 'Reaction to Fox Report [by FCAATSI]', by Gordon Briscoe, c.1977; 'Racism in Australia', [by Joe McGinness?]. Handwritten and typescript drafts, n.d.; Field offer trip to Maningrida 2nd June 1977, by J. Bronson; Report to ACF Council from National Liaison Officer on North Australia Tour 6th September to 19th October 1977, by Allan Sorrensen; and Townsville Regional United Aboriginal and Islanders Development (TRUAID), 1978
- 10 Closed. [Report on the] Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Pacific Islander Development Fund Research Project..., by T. Widders, January 1975
- 11-12 Reports from South Australia, 1965-78. Includes 'The Victorian Aborigines: the past, and it's effect on the present minority...', by Pauline Pickford, 1965; 'Consultation and self-determination in the social development of Aborigines', by Rev. J.H. Downing, 1969; 'Brown is bonza' [re. 'dignity revolution' in 'coloured' America], n.d.; 'Report on meeting with the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, The Hon. R. Millhouse' and 'How good are Aboriginal conditions in South Australia', by Laurie Bryan, n.d.; Institute of Social Welfare, by E. LeSueur, 1969; Items for Federal Council Executive meeting, n.d.; Report from South Australia, by W. Branson, n.d.; and [General/Secretary's report on] the Aboriginal Education Foundation of South Australia Inc., by Laurie Bryan, 1969, June 1978, with report of social worker, Helen Monten for the year 1977-78
- 13 Trade unions, 1969-77. Includes *Infringements of trade union rights in South Africa*, Litho in UN OPI/365-, June 1969; Confidential. A brief resume of Stan Davey's activities in the Northwest of WA, 1968/69, prepared by Jan Richardson, 1969; 'Report on conference with WA trade union leaders on 13th January re: union problems of Aborigines in the north and north west of WA' and 'Report on Weilmoringle Aboriginal settlement', by J.S. Baker, 1970; Suggestion for your consideration, by Stan Davey, n.d.; and 'F.C.A.A.T.S.I. To all unions' by Terry O'Shane, c.1977. Typescript draft with note from Joe McGinness
- 14 Aboriginal development, 1976-77. Includes draft 'Interim submission to Federal Review, by Aboriginal Affairs Committee: South Eastern Australia Region' [sent to FCAATSI by David Anderson], 1976; 'The nature of Black African Liberation and how it relates to black Australians'. Typescript and handwritten drafts of address, n.d.;

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and 'The Black Movement in Australia', [by Gordon Briscoe, c.1977?]. Foolscap typescript + handwritten drafts. As found.

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Series 14 Miscellaneous political activities/events – Correspondence, 1970-78

This series comprises files that were part of the original alphabetical filing system. They include correspondence and associated papers on specific political activities and/or events with which FCAATSI had an involvement. For references to the ongoing issues of land rights, identity, housing, etc. see other series within this 'Finding Aid'.

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- 1-3 Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations, 1970. To mark the 200th anniversary of the discovery of the east coast of Australia by Captain James Cook, the New South Wales Government established 'committees to plan appropriate celebrations on the widest scale and encourage active citizenship participation throughout the community' (Press statement by the Premier, the Hon. R.W. Askin, 29 April 1969). The events were to be held throughout 1970, with official celebrations in Sydney to be concentrated between 20 March - 16 May. In response, FCAATSI viewed the proposed event as one of 'sorrow and mourning by Aborigines' (see letter to affiliates) and 'a celebration of the Europeans' invasion of Australia' (see Petition, Item 3) and sought to boycott the celebrations. A 'Day of Mourning' was organised for 29 April 1970. Includes letters of Jack Horner (General Secretary), T.G. Moore (Director, Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Commemoration Committee), John Newfong (General Secretary), and others, 1969-70; press statements; brochures; information sheets; newspaper clippings; signed petition (Item 3); and arrangement details for public meeting to protest against the celebrations, 5 February, 1970
- 4 International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, 1971. Includes 'Memorandum to: General Secretary of the United Nations (from FCAATSI). Invitation to participate in examination of racism and racial discrimination in Australia', prepared for the Federal Executive by a Sub-Committee: Faith Bandler, John S. Baker and Barry Christophers (3 copies); and Report of Australian Committee for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination. International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, 1971
- 5-6 Australian Advancement Party, 1974. The Australian Advancement Party (AAP) was set up as the political wing of FCAATSI. Following a feasibility study of Australian electorates FCAATSI launched the AAP on 30 September 1974. The AAP stood two candidates in the Queensland state elections of December 1974. Evelyn Scott stood for Hinchinbrook Electorate and P. Daniel O'Shane stood for Cook Electorate. Although unsuccessful both candidates did raise public awareness on the needs of Indigenous Australians and forced the National Party, led by Joh Bjelke-Peterson, to endorse and sponsor an Aboriginal candidate who was subsequently elected to the

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- Queensland State Parliament. Includes 'Draft policy for Australian Advancement Party', 2pp.; 'Policy speech by Mrs. Evelyn R. Scott', 5pp. (3 copies); correspondence; photocopy 'The emergence of the Aboriginal Independent Party, paper prepared for the SAANZ Conference 23rd-25th August 1974', by Leith Duncan (Item 6); and 'Background to the Australian Advancement Party', compiled by Josie Briggs. Foolscape typescript, 5pp.+drafts
- 7-9 International Women's Year, 1975. Includes list of delegates and airline itineraries; Report and recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry into the Status of Women in Queensland A.1-1974; Australian National Advisory Committee International Women's Year Newsletter, nos 1-5, 7, 1974-5; Prime Ministerial press release, 20 February 1975; speech by the Prime Minister, The Hon. E.G. Whitlam, 8 March 1975; statement by Elizabeth Reid, 21 June 1975; [report on] International Women's Year Conference Mexico City 1975, by Australian National Advisory Committee International Women's Year; draft text of telegram to Prime Minister, by Naomi Mayers; [proceedings] of Aboriginal and Islander Women's Conference for International Women's Year, 1975, Townsville, 29-30 August, 1975; 'Why we are demonstrating here today', note from Women and Politics Conference, Canberra, 4 September 1975; miscellaneous correspondence; and handwritten notes to Janet Layton concerning financial matters, 1976 (Item 9). See also Series 11 Items 42 and 44
- 10-11 Aboriginal Embassy, Australian Capital Territory, 1972, 1976-77. Papers cover the removal of the 'Aboriginal Embassy' or 'Tent Embassy' from the lawns in front of [old] Parliament House, Canberra, 1972 (Item 10) and the 'Aboriginal Embassy' at Red Hill, Canberra, opened April 1976 (Item 11). Includes correspondence, proclamations, information sheets, minutes of meeting, statement of expenditure, legal documents, handwritten notes, and newspaper clippings. See also National Aboriginal Conference, Series 15 Items 9-11
- 12-14 Combined Organisations for Public Service Expenditure (COPSE), 1977. COPSE represented a broad cross-section of the community who combined to alert politicians and the public of the need to provide adequate level of expenditure in the public sector in order to guarantee essential community services. Marcia Langton was the FCAATSI representative to COPSE. Includes statement of aims; 'Public sector funding', 26 August 1977, 3pp.; agenda, report and recommendation from meetings; correspondence; leaflets; newspaper advertisement; 'An alternative economic program', 12pp.+draft; and 'Misrepresentation and inconsistency in statement concerning Aboriginal Affairs expenditure', by Chris Berry, 7pp.+appendices (Item 14). [Also held in Library at PMS 1450]
- 15-16 National Aborigines' Day Observance Committee (NADOC), 1968-78. National Aboriginal Day was founded in 1957 to promote the first Sunday in July as a day for focusing Australians' attention on the Indigenous communities in their midst. In 1975 NADOC (the committee coordinating the event/s) extended Aboriginal Day into National Aborigines Week, during which the cultural heritage and contribution of Indigenous peoples to Australian society were celebrated. From 1976 NADOC ran as a federal body and, in 1989, changed its name to the National Aborigines and Islanders' Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC). Includes Minutes of meeting of NSW NADOC, held 13 March, 14 August and 11 October 1968; National Aborigines Sunday: 14th July 1968, address by Rev. K.B. Mason; 'Notice. Re: The future of National Aborigines' Day' with associated correspondence, October 1968; information sheets on National Aborigines' Day for 1969, 1970 and 1976; Australian Broadcasting

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Commission transcript. Broadcast 2FC, 15 July 1970; correspondence of Jack Horner; newspaper clippings, 1977-78; and three photographic prints, negatives and associated proof sheet (Item 16)

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Series 15 Government advisory bodies on 'Aboriginal Affairs', 1971-78

The first national advisory body established by the Commonwealth Government on Indigenous affairs was the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (NACC). In 1972, one of the first decisions by the Commonwealth Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr Gordon Bryant, on assuming his portfolio was to announce plans for a National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (NACC) to advise him on national policies and programmes on Indigenous affairs. Joe McGinness chaired a steering committee that planned for the NACC. The NACC was established in 1973 and comprised forty-one delegates elected by Indigenous Australians. Members were initially elected for a two-year term but this was later extended. All members were paid an annual salary and provided with office accommodation and facilities and secretarial assistance. Administrative support was provided by staff of the Commonwealth Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

In an effort to gain greater Indigenous control of their own affairs FCAATSI, in 1975, proposed the formation of a statutory body called the 'National Bureau of Aboriginal Affairs' to replace the Commonwealth Department of Aboriginal Affairs which, they argued, was subject to control by the Public Service Board regulations.

In April 1976 the Commonwealth Government established a Committee to inquire into the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. L.R. Hiatt. The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr Ian Viner, tabled the report of that Committee in the House of Representatives on 11 November 1976. One of the recommendations outlined in the report was that the NACC be altered and renamed the National Aboriginal Conference (NAC).

The NAC was meant to serve as a channel for communication between Indigenous communities and the Commonwealth Government, and to provide advice on Indigenous issues to the Minister. Its advisory role, however, was restricted to matters the Minister referred to it, whereas NACC had been free to comment on any issue affecting Indigenous Australians. Elections were conducted in December 1977. Those elected in each state constituted a NAC state branch during their three-year term. A ten-member executive was elected by these branches and met for the first time early in February 1978 appointing Lois (Lowitja) O'Donoghue as the first Chairperson. The first NAC general meeting took place in Canberra in March 1978.

This series includes correspondence, proposals, reports, press releases, ministerial press statements, newspaper clippings and miscellaneous material relating to the various advisory bodies to government on Indigenous affairs with which FCAATSI had an involvement.

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Item

1 Aboriginal Advisory Council/s, 1971-72. Includes letters from the Aborigines Advisory

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- Council (NSW) and David Anderson, Member of the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Council (Vic.), 1971; and photocopies of documents relating to the National Conference of State Advisory Councillors, Canberra, August, 1972
- 2 National Bureau of Aboriginal Affairs, 1974-75. A proposal for a statutory body to replace the Australian Government Department of Aboriginal Affairs was put forward by Evelyn Scott, Honorary Secretary to FCAATSI. Includes draft circular letter from Joe McGinness, September 1974; and circular letters and proposal entitled 'National Bureau of Aboriginal Affairs', by Evelyn Scott, 21 January 1975, 4pp. (6 copies)
- 3-4 National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (NACC), 1973-77. Includes 'Submission re: formation of Consultative Committee', by Joe McGinness, 1973, 3pp.+maps; 'Resolutions passed at the National Aboriginal Consultative Council meeting', 3-4 May 1973; proclamation; press statement on NACC elections, by Chairman of the Steering Committee, Joe McGinness, 1973; information sheet on the NACC election, 4pp; miscellaneous NACC Conference papers, Canberra, February 1973; 'Proposed NAC program for consideration', by Joe McGinness, 1974; [list of persons on] 'Steering Committee' and portrait photographs, *Identity*, April 1974; 'Aboriginal and Islander people in Parliament', by Jack Davis; press releases and newspaper clipping [transferred from MS 33, May 2007]; letters of David Anderson [four transferred from MS 33 May 2007] and The Hon. Ian Viner MP, 1974-75; clippings from House of Representatives. *Hansard*, 1975; 'Speech by Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr R.I. Viner, at opening of N.A.C.C. Conference 5 March 1976'; letters of H.J. Penrith, March 1976; newspaper clippings and handwritten notes. See also [Series 14 Items 5-7](#) and [Series 17 Item 2](#)
- 5 Closed, 1973-75. Comprises material found in original NACC files. Includes *Queensland Electorate Number 5. 1973 National Aboriginal Consultative Committee: Roll of Electors*; and Department of Aboriginal Affairs. National Aboriginal Consultative Committee. Members directory as from 8/12/75
- 6 Commonwealth of Australia. Department of Aboriginal Affairs. Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the role of the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee, 4 November 1976. Presented to The Hon. Ian Viner, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs by the members of the Committee, L.R. Hiatt (Chairman), M. Luther, L. O'Donoghue and J. H. Stanley, 262pp. [Also held in Library at B A931.52/C1]
- 7-8 National Aboriginal Conference Election 1977. Includes *National Aboriginal Conference Election 1977. Candidates: Issued by the Australian Electoral Office*, Canberra, October 1977 (Item 7); campaign leaflets; and Commonwealth Department of Aboriginal Affairs press releases (Item 8)
- 9-11 National Aboriginal Conference – Miscellaneous papers, 1977-78. Includes draft 'Interim Constitution'; addresses and statements [+ Charter of NAC], by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, The Hon. Mr Ian Viner and/or The Hon. Peter Howson MP; Aboriginal Advisory Council. Minutes of meeting held Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Perth, 1-2 June 1977; handwritten notes, by Terry O'Shane (Item 9); [list of names and addresses of] National Aboriginal Conference members (Item 10); and newspaper clippings (Item 11)

Series 16 Miscellaneous material - Communities, 1968-78

This series includes correspondence, government press statements and copies of *Hansard*, booklets and newspaper clippings [bulk] relating to various Australian Indigenous communities.

Covers the Aurukun-Mornington Island controversy involving the Indigenous peoples of these communities, the Commonwealth and Queensland governments, mining companies, and the church; the story of the Mapoon people of North Queensland; and the inclusion of Palm Island Aboriginal Community in the Townsville Municipal area, Queensland, 1974.

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- 1 Mornington Island Community Fund Campaign, 1975. Includes press statements, circular letters to politicians and affiliated organisations concerning allegations that the Presbyterian Board of Missions was taking a deduction from the Social Security benefits and wages paid to the residents of Mornington Island for the purposes of a Community Fund
- 2 Aurukun and Mornington Island, 1972-78. Includes photocopies of 'Dossier on the proposed mining at Aurukun' by International Development Action. Incomplete, [c.1975]; *The Aurukun Associates Act 1975: what's in it for Aborigines and why they don't want mining*, booklet published by Communist Party of Australia, 1976; draft [of Bill re. the creation of Local Authority areas at Aurukun and Mornington Island], 1978; legal opinion on Mornington Island concerning the prospect of challenging the Blackburn Judgment in *Milirrpum v. Nabalco Pty. Ltd.*, by C.W. Pincus; FCAATSI press statement, 1978; *Quaker Race Relations Committee Newsletter*, May 1978; Commonwealth of Australia. Senate. *Hansard* [sections concerning Aurukun and Mornington Island], 1978; and Ministerial press release, August 1978
- 3-14 Aurukun and Mornington Island – Newspaper clippings, 1977-78. Covers the controversy over the control of Aurukun and Mornington Island Indigenous communities in Queensland. [*Unless original newspaper clippings are specifically requested the photocopies in Items 12-14 are to be issued to readers*]
- 15-16 Mapoon, 1975-76. Includes *Mapoon – Book 1. The Mapoon story by the Mapoon people*, and *Mapoon – Book 2. The Mapoon story according to the invaders: Church mission, Queensland government and mining company*, edited by John P. Roberts et al, 1975 (Item 15); and *Mapoon – Book 3. The Cape York aluminum companies and the native peoples: Comalco, R.T.Z., Kaiser, C.R.A., Alcon, Billiton, Pechiney, Tipperary*, edited by John P. Roberts et al, 1976. Published by International Development Action (Item 16)
- 17-18 Palm Island, 1973-75. In June 1974 the Queensland Government decided to incorporate all offshore islands into the nearest local shire, or city council. As a consequence, it was proposed that the Palm Group of Island's administration be incorporated into the Townsville Municipal Council. The Palm Island 'Aboriginal residents' objected to this move and approached FCAATSI to seek legal advice and representation. Items include letters of Evelyn Scott (General Secretary), Josie Briggs (Consultant Secretary), Senator Jim O'Keefe, the 'Aboriginal inhabitants of Great Palm Island' and others; petition, press releases, minutes of meetings and telegrams opposing the proposal; and *A Programme for the Aboriginal people of the Palm Island Group – a natural paradise*, booklet by the Communist Party, n.d

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- 19 Palm Island – Newspaper clippings, 1973-78 (bulk: 1973-74). Mostly articles from the *Townsville Daily Bulletin* covering the events leading up to the incorporation of the Palm Island Group from the administration of the Palm Island Aboriginal Council to the Townsville City Council, Queensland
- 20-21 Communities – General, 1968-78 (bulk 1977-78). Mostly newspaper clippings from a range of Australian newspapers arranged by State. Includes articles or references to Thursday Island, the Redlynch Aboriginal Reserve, the Yarrabah Aboriginal Reserve, Oenpelli Mission, Yirrkala Mission, Aborigines in Alice Springs, Santa Teresa Mission, Lake Tyers Aboriginal Reserve, Toomelah Mission, Ernabella Mission, the Oombulgurri people of the Kimberley region and the Aboriginal people of the Warburton Range, Western Australia. Also includes map entitled *Australia: Aboriginal reserves and land trusts areas (1974)*, Edgar Ford 6/74. Scale 8mm: 100km; and *Weipa Aborigines Society. Constitution*

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Series 17 Miscellaneous material – Education, 1968-78

This series comprises correspondence, reports, press releases, articles, leaflets, newsletters, and Australian newspaper clippings concerned with Indigenous education.

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- 1-3 Reports and correspondence, 1968-78. Includes Aboriginal Education Foundation of S.A. Inc. Secretary's report 1971/2; FCAATSI Education Committee report, 1972-73; [report of] Aboriginal Education Council (NSW) General Meeting, 12 April 1973; leaflets of Australian Council for Overseas Aid (ACFOA), Commonwealth Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Australian Union of Students; *A.F.E.C. Aboriginal Newsletter*, v.1, 1975 and material on Family Education Centres Federation; press releases of National Aboriginal Consultative Committee and Northern Territory Teacher's Federation; correspondence and leaflet on Moongong Darwung, Kununarra, WA; 'The education of semi-primitive de-tribalized Aborigines', conference paper by Spencer I. Warren, 1968; 'Action Research Project into the secondary education of Aborigines Port Augusta High School', by R. Hall; Give it back to the Indians: education on reservation and off, *Carnegie Quarterly*, n.d. 'Talk given to students at Western Creek High School on 24/11/77', by Sandra Neilley; 'Indian philosophy of education', by V. Kirkness, n.d.; and Aboriginal education in Australia, by Eric Willmot, *Education News*, 15 (1) 1975
- 4 Reports and correspondence, 1975-78. Includes papers from original files on the National Aboriginal Education Committee, 1977-78; Aboriginal Overseas Studies Awards, 1977-78; Aboriginal Task Force [Aboriginal Community Workers Training Programme] and Council of Adult Education, Victoria. *Aboriginal Education Newsletter*, no.7, 1977
- 5-6 Newspaper clippings, 1973-78. Newspaper clippings from a range of Australian newspapers arranged by Commonwealth and state. Covers a proposal for Indigenous control of policies, funding and administration of Indigenous education, problems of Indigenous children in school, adult literacy problems, bi-lingual teaching, Federal cuts to 'Aboriginal' study grants, teacher training, separate education for

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- Indigenous children, and admittance of disadvantaged pupils to tertiary institutions
- 7-8 School work sheets, n.d. Examples of school work sheets of six Indigenous children from levels one to fifteen. Children state that they live at Mungalod and/or Gamedji, [outstations in Central Arnhem Land]
- 9 Constitution of the Consultative Committee on Aboriginal Education, n.d. Photocopy [transferred from MS 33 1978 Addition, May 2007]

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Series 18 Miscellaneous material – Elections, 1977-78.

This series comprises photocopies of correspondence, leaflets and newspaper clippings. The material documents the Western Australian election held on 19 February 1977 where the Labor Party's Indigenous candidate for the Electorate of Kimberley, Ernie Bridge, was defeated by the Liberal Party candidate, Alan Ridge. This result was later disputed in the Court of Disputed Returns. Also documents the Australian Labor Party success in the Northern Territory Legislative election of 13 August 1977 where, a united Indigenous lobby proved decisive in some electorates.

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- 1 Western Australian election. Kimberley Electorate, February 1977. Photocopies of advice from the Western Australian Minister of Justice re. electoral procedures relating to illiterate voters, 18 February 1977; 'Instructions to legal scrutineers in Kimberley Electorate'; photocopies of letters of successful Liberal Party candidate in the Kimberley Electorate, Alan Ridge, to his supporters thanking them for their assistance during the campaign, 25 February, 1977; legal advice re. 'The disputed election...'; and telegram of FCAATSI and press statement of Senator Jim Keefe, November 1977 opposing a proposed amendment to the Electoral Act, Western Australia requiring all 'non-English speakers' who wished to vote to pass a language test
- 2 Northern Territory Legislative Assembly election, August 1977. Photocopies of progress count of votes; leaflets on Indigenous candidature; and address by Neville Perkins, MLA
- 3 Newspaper clippings, 1977-78. Newspaper clippings from a range of Australian newspapers covering the Western Australian state election in the Kimberley Electorate; the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly election; the Australian Labor Party National Conference, and voting procedures generally

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Series 19 Miscellaneous material – Government expenditure, 1960-78.

This series includes information sheets, newspaper clippings, press statements, and reports concerning the Commonwealth Government expenditure on Australia's Indigenous peoples. See also [Series 28 Items 2-6](#).

- 1-3 Budgets, 1960-77. Includes budget *Speech by K.C. Compton MLA...*, 1960; *Circular to all interested in Aboriginal affairs*, no. 6 [1968-69 budget], by H. J. Penrith; *Commonwealth Capital Fund for Aboriginal enterprises. First annual report for the year 1968-69*; *Information sheet on: comparative Commonwealth spending*, by Rory Allen, 1972; *Public Authority Finance. Commonwealth outlays on Aboriginal advancement 1971-72*, by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics; and statements and correspondence on the budget by Commonwealth Ministers for 'Aboriginal Affairs' and lobby groups

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Series 20 Miscellaneous material – Health, 1969-78

This series includes correspondence, minutes of meetings, newsletters, leaflets, newspaper clippings, reports and published articles. Material covers the health of the Australian Indigenous peoples generally; the Aboriginal Medical Centre, Redfern (NSW) and similar centres in other states, problems associated with alcohol consumption and petrol sniffing; and the efforts of the National Trachoma and Health Programme to address blindness within the Australian Indigenous population. With the exception of the addition of related newspaper clippings and articles, original arrangement of the files has been maintained by the Library.

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- 1 Correspondence, 1969-77. Letters of Jack Horner (General Secretary); Stan Davey, respective Commonwealth and state Ministers for Health and J.J. Elphinstone. Mention is made to the 'Council setting up a Health Committee to go into the question of Aboriginal health and sickness', 1969; increased incidence of venereal disease among the Australia's Indigenous peoples, 1972; 'Rationalization of health services for aged Aborigines', 1976; government expenditure on health, 1977
- 2-3 Indigenous medical services, 1973-77. Includes newsletters (nos. 1, 2 and 22), Treasurer's reports, correspondence, leaflets, minutes of meeting, constitution and report on 'Sub-committee on nutrition' of the Aboriginal Medical Service, Redfern, Sydney, 1973-77 (Item 2); and reports on the annual general meeting of the Aboriginal and Islanders Community Health Service, Townsville, 1975 and Aboriginal Medical Service, Perth, 1974 (Item 3). [See also Series 20 Items 4-7]
- 4-7 Newspaper clippings, 1975-78. Newspaper clippings from a range of Australian newspapers arranged by Commonwealth and state. Covers issues on the health of Indigenous peoples including articles on the various state Indigenous medical services. [*Unless original newspaper clippings are specifically requested photocopies in Items 5-7 are to be issued to readers*]
- 8-10 Reports and other printed material, 1972-78. Includes 'The Aboriginal child health scandal', by Alan Carless, c.1971; 'Concise outline of and possible remedies for the most common Aboriginal health problems in central Australia', compiled by Neville Perkins; 1972; Final recommendations of Aboriginal Health Services Seminar, by Monash University, Centre for Research into Aboriginal Affairs, 1972; 'The health of Aboriginal infants in the Northern Territory' and 'Scurvy in relation to Aboriginal infant mortality', by A. Kalekerinos, c.1972; *Insight (Official Newsletter of Phobias Nexus)*, November 1972; 'The politics of Aboriginal health', by Colin Tatz, Supplement to *Politics*, 7 (2) 1972; 'Eat, die and learn' – The botany of the Australian Aborigines, by L.J. Webb. Reprint from *Australian Natural History*, 17 (9), 1973; Special supplement(s) on Aboriginal health, *Medical Journal of Australia*, 1975-76 (Item 8); Aboriginal health is in your hands, *Tharunka*, 7 May 1975; *Health problems of Sydney Aboriginal children* and *Social deviance in Aboriginal boys*, by J. Norelle Lickless, 1970,

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- 1971; 'The origins of sociability', by Mary McLelland, *Australian Journal of Social Work*, March 1970; *Women dancing dreaming. Psychological benefits of the Aboriginal outstation movement*, by Rodney D. Moore. Reprint of *Medical Journal of Australia*, 1976; *Submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal Health. Enquiry into Aboriginal Health, June 1977*, by the Commonwealth Department of Health (Item 9); documents relating to the Task Force on Co-ordination in Welfare and Health, 1977; 'The dangers of surgery: an Aboriginal view', by Janice Reid and other articles from *Medical Journal of Australia*, January 1978; *A report of stage 1. Survey into the health needs of Aboriginal and Island people in the Mackay district*, by L.G. O'Neill et al, 1978; and summary recommendations to AMA..., by Doug Everingham MP, 1978 (Item 10)
- 11-12 Alcohol consumption, 1975-77. Includes correspondence re. establishment of 'after-care' homes controlled by Indigenous peoples; A proposal concerning a national policy on alcohol, by L.R.H. Drew, 1975; *Liquor and the New South Wales Aborigines*, by J.H. Bell, n.d.; information sheet on Moree Aboriginal Sobriety House (MASH) (Item 11); and newspaper clippings that examine the problems of alcohol consumption and petrol sniffing amongst Indigenous Australians (Item 12). [See also references to article by Graham Gifford in [Series 2 Item 28](#)]
- 13-18 National Trachoma and Health Program, 1976-78. Includes photocopies of interim statistics and reports by Professor Fred Hollows and others, 1976-77 (Items 13-15); correspondence and press releases relating to the closure of the Trachoma programme in Queensland, 1977 (Item 16); and newspaper clippings from a range of Australian newspapers (Items 17-18). [*Unless original clippings are specifically requested the photocopies in Item 18 are to be issued to readers*]

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Series 21 Miscellaneous material – Housing, 1967-78

The FCAATSI Housing Committee addressed issues of social and economic disadvantage of Indigenous peoples by increasing government and public awareness of the situation in Indigenous housing throughout Australia. This series comprises original files that include correspondence, reports, newsletters, leaflets and newspaper clippings.

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- 1-2 Correspondence etc., 1967-77. Includes original files on the Aboriginal Hostels Ltd; Aboriginal Housing Panel; Aboriginal Loans Commission; *The Aboriginal householder*, by C.D. Rowley. Reprint from *Quadrant*, November-December, 1967 (Item 1); and the newsletter *Shelter – National Housing Action*, no. 4, 1977 with associated correspondence (Item 2).
- 3 La Perouse, NSW, 1969-72. In 1969 a society comprising Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents from La Perouse submitted a proposal for the redevelopment of the 'Aboriginal reserve' to the NSW State Government. The proposal provided for the construction of an integrated village with dwellings for Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents. Includes *The Endeavour Project*, by the La Perouse Society. Preliminary draft, 1969, 15+6pp.+map; copies of correspondence of Jack Horner (General Secretary) with NSW Government officials, 1969; and letter of Faith Bandler, 1972
- 4 Lovejoy, Francis H., 1971-72. For some years Francis Lovejoy was the Convenor of the FCAATSI Housing Committee. Mainly reports and correspondence by Lovejoy including *Costing the Aboriginal housing problem*, 1971; 'Reports of Housing

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- Convenor', 1971 and 1974; correspondence with Faith Bandler, 1971-72; draft 'The legal and economic status of Aboriginal workers in Queensland 1897 to 1971' with associated papers on Queensland's *Aborigines Act 1971*; 'How to play the housing game in New South Wales: rules for Aboriginal players', n.d.; and 'Housing for Aborigines and Islanders throughout Australia', 1972
- 5 Penrith, Harry J. [Burnum Burnum]. Includes 'Study tour report – American & Canadian Section. H.J. Penrith – 1975 Sir Winston Churchill Fellow'; and letter of Harry Penrith to the Commonwealth Department of Aboriginal Affairs concerning Aboriginal housing policy, 1974
- 6-9 Newspaper clippings etc., 1969-78 (bulk 1976-77). Mostly newspaper clippings from a range of Australian newspapers arranged by Commonwealth and state. Covers the problems of the Aboriginal 'fringe dwellers' in Perth and their attempt to gain a permanent campsite at Lockridge, WA; homelessness amongst Indigenous peoples; 'Aboriginal' housing projects; and the need for more 'Aboriginal' hostels. Also includes Report on Kempsey, NSW, by Beverley Henwood, 1968; Housing for Aborigines in New South Wales, by Ian McKay, *Architecture in Australia*, June 1968; A study of Landlord - tenant relations and the quality of housing in South Sydney, by Robert Mowbray et al, 1974; *Report on the Aboriginal Funded Housing Programme in South Australia*, by the Aboriginal Housing Board of S.A 1975; and leaflets, press statements and miscellaneous correspondence

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Series 22 Miscellaneous material – Identity, 1973-78

The term 'Identity' was used in the original files to include papers that depicted, in a positive way, 'the cultural life of past and present day Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders'. This series incorporates the original files entitled 'Identity' and others, added by the Library, from the original alphabetical sequence. These files relate to Indigenous history and culture, Indigenous achievements, and the portrayal of Indigenous peoples through film and other art forms.

The series includes copies of letters, reports, newsletters, handwritten notes and photocopies of newspaper clippings from a range of Australian newspapers. See also Aboriginal radio, [Series 32 Item 2](#).

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- 1-5 Identity, 1976-77. Newspaper clippings, government press statements, reports, booklets and addresses. Includes 'Address by Neville Perkins to Aboriginal Education Seminar – Monash University', 1975; and 'Black Australian civilisation and historical awareness', by Neville Perkins, 1977. As found. See also Series 22 Items 8-11
- 6-7 Book and film reviews, 1976-78. Mainly newspaper clippings covering reviews of books and films about Indigenous Australians with special reference to the film 'The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith', directed by Fred Schepesi.
- 8-10 Art, culture, history and relics, 1973-78. Includes mainly newspaper clippings (bulk 1977-78) and Aboriginal relics in New South Wales, booklet by Sharon Sullivan, 1975. [Unless original clippings are specifically requested the photocopies in Items 9 and 10 are to be issued to readers]
- 11 Achievements, success stories etc., 1973-78 (bulk 1978). Newspaper clippings referring to the achievement of political, sporting, acting, local and other identities of Aboriginal or Islander descent

Series 23 Miscellaneous material – Individuals, 1968-78

This series comprises original files on individuals associated with FCAATSI and involved in Indigenous politics. Files are arranged alphabetically by surname and include correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, addresses, speeches, newsletters, poems, radio transcripts, and press statements. Files labelled 'Josie Briggs' and 'Gordon Briscoe' have been incorporated into the General Secretary's correspondence.

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- 1 Bellear, Bob. Includes letters to Marcia Langton; copies of manuscripts entitled 'Has Australia been legally stolen from the Aborigines' and 'The great cattle robbery', by Robert William Bellear, 1977
- 2 Bonner, Senator Neville. Includes correspondence, 1976; addresses entitled 'Aborigines in politics', 1974 and 'Where do we go to from here', 1975; newspaper clippings and press statement, 1977-78; and papers relating to the *Aborigines and Islanders (Admissibility of Confessions) Bill, 1976*
- 3 Bryant, Gordon. Includes 'The Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and the Torres Strait Islanders – its role. A view by G.M. Bryant, M.P., Senior Vice President', n.d., and paper on the Torres Strait border issue, 1976. Buchhorn, Fr. Richard. Includes 'Caroona Report', 1973; and The challenge of poverty, by Richard Buchhorn, *Catholic Worker*, April 1976. Burnum Burnum (Harry Penrith). Newspaper clippings, 1978
- 4 Chilly, Sue. Newspaper clippings, 1974-76. Coombs, Dr H.C. (Nugget). Newspaper clippings, 1977. Davis, Jack. Correspondence, 1969-74 and newspaper clippings, 1977. Foley, Gary. Includes letter, 9 August 1971; *Son of Namarluk. The Alternative Black Community News Service*, nos. 1-2, n.d.; and 'Australian crime prevention, correction & after-care council', address by Gary Foley, 1973. Gilbert, Kevin. Includes letters of Faith Bandler concerning review of 'Mr Gilbert's case', 1970; 'Accessories after the fact', poem by Kevin Gilbert. Typescript manuscript; 'Search for the sacred mind' and 'The education that sells you short', by Kevin Gilbert, 1975; and newspaper clipping, 1978
- 5 Harris, Stewart. Includes ABC radio broadcast transcripts and newspaper clippings, 1977
- 6 King, Jo. Includes three open letters in the form of a poem, 1972-77. McGinness, Joe. Includes correspondences and FCAATSI press releases, 1970-77; *Social services for Aborigines & Torres Strait Islanders*, published by The Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders Advancement League, Cairns, Qld., 1969; photocopy Interview with Joe McGinness, by Dennis O'Brien, *Identity*, October 1971; *Aborigines & Torres Strait Islanders Advancement League [Bulletin]*, March and April, 1968. Neilley, Sandra. 'A personal account of my involvement in the Black Movement', n.d.
- 7 Perkins, Charles. Includes correspondence, notes and newspaper clippings, 1971-78; 'Address given to the 18th National Conference...', 1975; 'Report on World Tour, Great Britain and the USA, 6-20 May 1975'; 'Australia is a racist country', 1975; 'Political scene in Australia today', n.d.; and 'Aborigines and the bureaucracy', 1975

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- 8 Pickford, Pauline. Correspondence, 1972. Closed
- 9 O'Shane, Terry. 'Ningla-ana'. Typescript photocopy of article that was later published in *Seamen's Union of Australia Journal*, 1976. Outlines O'Shane's early background and involvement in 'Aboriginal' rights movement. Scott, Evelyn. Lecture on 'Race and culture', 1977. Turner-Kamaru, Pat. Letters to Marcia Langton, 1978. Walker, Dennis. 'The political annihilation of the black resistance movement of the Queensland racist regime', leaflet for demonstration, 1975
- 10 Walker, Kath (Oodgeroo of the Tribe Noonucal). Includes correspondence with FCAATSI General Secretaries, 1967-69; 'White racism and white violence', 1969; 'Coalition of black and white Australians, 1969; 'Oration by Kath Walker', for use by FCAATSI, 1970; 'Report of fact finding tour by Aboriginal & Islander Council on Cunnamulla' 1970; *A Song of hope*, poem issued by the National Aboriginal Day Observance Committee, 1974; and newspaper clippings 1977-78.

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Series 24 Miscellaneous material – International, 1970-77

FCAATSI continually applied pressure on Australian Governments through their association with international organisations such as the International Labour Organisation, the World Council of Indigenous Peoples and the black African movement in Nigeria. They were also in communication with other Indigenous peoples, monitoring the controversy of Maori land rights to Bastian Point in New Zealand and the position of the Inuit people of Canada and the Indigenous peoples of the United States of America.

This series includes minutes of meetings, newsletters, leaflets, handwritten and typescript notes, address lists and business cards, conference papers, reports, and photographic slides, and newspaper clippings from Australian and New Zealand newspapers. See also material on the 'apartheid' policies of southern Africa, [Series 30 Item 11-14](#).

Item

- 1-2 General, 1972-76. Includes correspondence and information sheets from ABJAB, a London-based expatriate group who campaigned for 'Aboriginal' civil and land rights, 1972; International Labour Organisation. *Convention 107...concerning the protection of Indigenous and other tribal and semi-tribal populations in independent countries*, and associated papers; *The Australian Worker*, 30 June 1976; and agenda and papers, notes and business cards from World Council of Indigenous Peoples Conferences
- 3-4 Bastian Point, New Zealand, 1973-77. Includes photocopies of newspaper clippings from *The New Zealand Herald* and *The Auckland Star*; *Takaparawha* [newsletter], leaflets and background papers documenting the case of the Ngati Whatua people who claimed land rights to land at Bastian Point
- 5-6 Indigenous Americans, 1978. Includes photocopies of papers on the 'Indian' position in the US and uranium mining and use (Item 5); and photographic slides of a Cherokee Indian Reservation, North Carolina (Item 6)
- 7-8 Indigenous Canadians, 1969-78. Includes *Indian policy: statement of the Government of Canada*, 1969; National Indian Brotherhood. Summarized minutes of Education Workshop Meeting and policy paper on 'Indian control of Indian education', 1974; newsletter on Inuit arts and crafts, 1974; sections of *The rebirth of Canada's Indians*, by Harold Cardinal; and newspaper clippings from the *Canberra Times*, 1977

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- 9 Other Indigenous peoples and/or minorities, 1976-78. Mainly newspaper clippings from various Australian newspapers.

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Series 25 Miscellaneous material – Land rights, 1968-78

This series includes correspondence, minutes of meetings, submissions, reports, newsletters, leaflets, petitions and newspaper clippings documenting the continual interest and involvement of FCAATSI in land rights issues.

Papers cover the strike by the Gurindji people, who had worked on cattle stations owned by the British owned Vestey Company, and their subsequent claim to land in the Northern Territory; the claim by the Aboriginal people at Yirrkala on the Gove Peninsula, Macarthur River Station, and Kululuk in the Northern Territory; the Land Rights (Woodward) Commission; land rights legislation in the Northern Territory; the proposal to establish the Kakadu National Park; and the movement of Indigenous Australians back to their homelands. Land rights issues are referred to throughout the FCAATSI records. See also [Series 2](#), [Series 11 Items 38-39](#), [Series 16](#) and [Series 27](#).

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Item

- 1-6 General, 1971-78. Mainly newspaper clippings, leaflets and newsletters divided by Commonwealth and state. Early material includes correspondence of the FCAATSI Executive members. Also includes *Submission to the Ministerial Committee on Aboriginal Affairs by the Australian Council of Churches*, 1971 and *Land rights: the black struggle. An outline*, booklet by Daisy Marchisotti, 1978. Also incorporates files on land claims and proposed Northern Territory statehood
- 7-9 Gurindji people, 1968-75 (part 1). In 1966 Aboriginal peoples, mainly Gurindji people led by Vincent Lingiari walked off their jobs with the foreign-owned, Vestey Company and headed for Wattie Creek in the Northern Territory. Originally the Gurindji had argued for better pay and conditions but later claimed land rights to the area. Various trade unions and FCAATSI became involved in the their campaign. Finally, in August 1975 the Commonwealth Labor Government of Prime Minister, Gough Whitlam, handed a lease to the Gurindji of over 2000 square kilometers of land from Wave Hill, formerly owned by the Vestey Company. Item includes letters of Moira Gibbs, Northern Territory Council for Aboriginal Land Rights (Inc.) to Dulcie Flower and others, 1968; letters of Jean Leu, Secretary of the Gurindji Campaign, Abschol officials, Pincer Numiari, Philip Nitschke, Evelyn Scott and others, 1970-74; reports from Stan Smith, Jack Horner, Marjorie Pizer Holburn, the Abschol Field Team, Stan Pelczinski; The Gurindji at Wattie Creek, address by Hannah Middleton; Pincer Numiari: Gurindji plans and attitudes, interview with Pincer Numiari by Warwick Neilley; 'Pincer Numiari speaks', transcript recorded by Jean Leu; and campaign leaflets, newsletters, government press statements, and newspaper clippings. As found.
- 9a Gurindji people, 1968-75 (part 2) Also Speaker's notes: the Gurindjis struggle for land rights, by D. Marchisotti, September 1970 [transferred from MS 33 1978 Addition, May 2007]
- 10 Yirrkala land rights claim, 1969-73. Includes correspondence of Rev. Arthur Ellemor,

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- Jack Horner, Faith Bandler and others, handwritten notes and information sheets concerned with the Aboriginal land rights claim to land on the Gove Peninsula, Northern Territory. As found
- 11-12 Aboriginal Land Rights (Woodward) Commission, 1973. Includes various drafts of FCAATSI submission to the Aboriginal Land Rights Commission conducted by Mr Justice A.E. Woodward, prepared by Faith Bandler. Also includes booklets on land rights and submissions by Aboriginal Action, and others. As found
- 13 Darwin Reconstruction Commission, 1975. Includes FCAATSI correspondence with members of the Interim Darwin Reconstruction Commission (later Darwin Reconstruction Commission), the Northern Territory Government and the Victorian Council of Churches concerning the Aboriginal land claim of the Larrakia people to Kululuk, near Darwin, Northern Territory
- 14-16 Aboriginal Land (Northern Territory) Act, 1976. Includes copies of the legislation with readings of the proposed Bill and Act from *Hansard* (Item 14); *Land rights or a sell-out?*, by Geoff Eames; Aboriginal Land Rights booklet; 'comparison of Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Bill (Liberal) and Bill introduced by Labor Government in 1975', 71pp. (Item 15); and newspaper clippings reporting on the legislation and the appointment of the first Land Rights Commissioner, 1976-77 (Item 16)
- 17-19 Land Councils, 1976-78. Includes ABC radio transcripts, address by Galarrwuy Yunupingu, Chairman of the Northern Land Council; and correspondence, information sheets and/or newspaper clippings relating the Northern Land Council [bulk], Central Land Council; North Queensland Land Council and Kimberley Land Council
- 20 McArthur River Station, Northern Territory, 1975-77. In December 1976 a group of Aboriginal people, mainly from the Gurindji, signed a land claim to the McArthur River Station (Pastoral Lease 664) in North Queensland. This was complicated by the fact that for some time Mt Isa Holdings Ltd had been developing a project to mine the rich mineral deposits in the area. The Northern Land Council assisted with the claim and argued for the purchase of the area by the Aboriginal Land Fund Commission. Includes submissions and photocopies of correspondence
- 21 Kakadu, 1972-78. Includes *Notes on a proposal for a National Park in the Alligator River area of the Far North of the Northern Territory*, booklet by Northern Territory Reserves Board, 1972; and reports, leaflets, and newspaper clippings documenting the declaration of the national park and later proposals for uranium mining within the park
- 22 Outstation Movement, 1977-78. The 'Outstation' or 'Homelands Movement' referred to the movement of the Australian Indigenous peoples from settlements under 'white' authority back to their homelands. The movement grew rapidly after 1972 following the election of the Whitlam Labour Government. Includes 'Agenda papers. Pitjantjatara Council' and newspaper clippings. Also includes file on Aboriginal Land Fund Commission comprising newspaper clippings and list of properties purchased, prepared by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, 1977
- 23-24 Reports and petitions, 1974. Mainly photocopies of papers by Betty Meehan including 'Anbara Project. Field report, 1974'; 'Shell bed to shell midden'; 'Aboriginal land rights', part of submission by the Northern Land Council; 'Man does not live by calories alone: the role of shellfish in a coastal cuisine', in Allen F.J et al. *Sunda and Sahul; Prehistoric studies in Southeast Asia, Melanesia and Australia*, 1977; and 'Rauwa Gunmolomola' by Betty Meehan and Rhys Jones, 1974 (Item 23). Also includes completed land rights petition forms (Item 24)

Series 26 Miscellaneous material – Legal issues, 1970-78

Until the 1960s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in all the Australian states were subject to many laws that discriminated against them because of their race. FCAATSI fought for the dismantling of these racially discriminatory laws, in particular, the *Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders' Acts*, 1965 and 1971, and the administration of the Queensland Trust Fund.

This series includes copies of Commonwealth and state legislation that impacted on the lives of Indigenous Australians; and correspondence, minutes of meetings, newsletters, and newspaper clippings from a range of Australian newspapers. See also land rights legislation, [Series 25 Items 14-16](#).

Item

- 1-5 Commonwealth and state laws, 1936-76. Includes copies of *Hansard* readings, bills and acts of parliament and/or reports relating to the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*, *Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976* and various state laws, excluding those in Queensland, that impacted on the lives of Indigenous Australians. Arranged by Commonwealth and state of origin
- 6-11 The Queensland Aboriginal and Islanders' Affairs Acts, 1965-78 (bulk 1971-78). Includes letters of Faith Bandler, Barry Christophers, Jack Horner and others, reports, leaflets and newspaper clippings relating to Queensland's *Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders Act, 1971* (Queensland Act) and *Regulations*; Queensland Trust Fund, 1968-72 (Item 7-8); and estate challenges to the Queensland Act, 1974-77 (Item 9-10). Also includes 'The prospect for Queensland's Aborigines & Islanders: management or autonomy?' by Garth Nettheim and associated correspondence with Marcia Langton, 1978 (Item 11). See also John Belia case, [Series 26 Item 16](#)
- 12-13 Aboriginal Legal Service, 1970-77. Indigenous legal aid services developed in the 1970s and offered support to Indigenous Australians involved in legal action. Includes Aboriginal Legal Service, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, Sydney. Constitution; Aboriginal Legal Service. Council Meeting minutes, 1970-71; Report of the Committee on Legal Rights, by Jack Horner; letters of J.H. Wootten to Faith Bandler, 1970-71; *The Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders Legal Service (Qld) Ltd. Newsletter*, June 1975; 'Townsville Committee of the Service'. Minutes and report, 1976; North Australian Aboriginal Legal Service. Constitution; Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement [South Australia] Inc. Annual report 1974-75; and newspaper clippings on the funding crisis of the Aboriginal Legal Service, Redfern, Sydney, 1977
- 14-16 Court cases, 1970-78. Includes newspaper clippings covering court cases involving Indigenous Australians, 1975-78 (Items 14-15); and correspondence relating to cases of John Belia, 1970-75, Richard Martin, 1973-74, and Leonard (Yupupu) Ross, 1976 (Item 16)
- 17-19 Newspaper clippings, 1974-78. Original files of newspaper clippings found under the headings 'Aborigines and the law' (Item 17), 'Aborigines and tribal law' (Item 18) and 'Aborigines/police relationships' (Item 19)
- 20 'The Australian Aborigines: a summary of their situation in all states in 1963', prepared by Shirley Andrews, Campaign Organiser, Federal Council for Aboriginal Advancement. Photocopy. [Transferred from MS 33 1978 Addition, May 2007]
- 21 'Legislation for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in Australia', February 1966, new and revised ed., prepared by the Committee on Legislative Reform. Photocopy.

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[Transferred from MS 2304 1978 Addition, May 2007]

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Series 27 Miscellaneous material – Mining, 1974-78

Australian law has generally held that the mineral deposits (including hard minerals, petroleum and gases) are publicly owned, with ownership vested in the crown. Mineral rights are separate in law from rights to real estate, subsurface deposits are crown property because real estate rights cover only what is above ground. These legal principles have caused great anxiety among Australia's Indigenous peoples who have the view that the land and all it contains have been entrusted to the people who own the area. Consequently the control of mineral deposits, as well as real estate, has been a major thrust of the land rights movement.

The Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 conferred control of mineral development on Aboriginal land upon the community leaders who had a right of veto to the mining of the mineral deposits that were still owned by the crown.

In 1970 a joint exploration program run by Peko Mines Ltd. and Electrolytic Zinc Company of Australasia Ltd. discovered two high-grade uranium ore bodies in the Alligator River region of the Gagudji people of the Northern Territory. The town, Jabiru, was established and the two firms formed the Ranger company. In July 1975 a commission of inquiry, chaired by Mr Justice R.W. Fox was convened to investigate the Ranger scheme. Its two reports were presented in October 1976 and May 1977 and included recommendations that mining at Ranger should be allowed to proceed subject to strict environmental safeguards, and that the land should be granted to the local 'Aboriginal' people, leased back to the government and declared a national park, Kakadu. In August 1977 the Fraser Coalition Government approved the proposed developments at Jabiru and Narbarlek (a Queensland Mines Ltd. scheme).

This series includes newspaper clippings, leaflets, booklets, press releases, newsletters and reports documenting the debate over uranium mining at Jabiru, and the mining of uranium and other natural resources generally.

Item

- 1-2 Uranium mining, 1977-78. Includes newspaper clippings, booklets, leaflets, press statements and articles documenting the arguments for and against the mining of uranium generally, and in Australia in particular. Original newspaper clippings held in Items 1-4. Photocopies of newspaper clippings held in Items 5-8. Other material held in Items 9-12
- 13-18 Ranger uranium mine, Northern Territory, 1974-78. Includes newspaper clippings, submissions, memorandums, press statements, information sheets on the Ranger Uranium Environmental Inquiry and the subsequent Fox Reports. Newspaper clippings held in Items 13-15. Other material held in Items 16-18
- 19-21 Mining – General, 1975-77. Includes newspaper clippings and material on companies such as Pancontinental, Conzinc Riotinto of Australia, Peko-Wallsend and E.Z. Industries that were involved in the mining of mineral and/or gas resources in Australia. Newspaper clippings held in Items 19-20. Other material held in Item 21

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Series 28 Miscellaneous material – Political parties, religious organisations etc., 1963-78

This series comprises newspaper clippings from a range of Australian newspapers, press statements, policy statements, correspondence, newsletters, booklets and pamphlets outlining the policies of the main Australian political parties and religious organisations on the Indigenous peoples of Australia.

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- 1 Church policy on Indigenous peoples, 1963-78. Includes booklets, newsletters and articles from the Concerned Christians (Brisbane), National Missionary Council of Australia, Quakers, Roman Catholic Church, and Uniting Church of Australia; and newspaper clippings. Also includes *Strehlow Research Foundation Newsletter*, no.1, 1977. See also Fr. Richard Buchhorn, [Series 23 Item 3](#); and [Series 25](#)
- 2-3 Australian Labor Party, 1971-77. Includes policy statements on 'Aboriginal Affairs', health, social issues and uranium; speeches, correspondence, and newspaper clippings
- 4-6 Liberal and National Parties, 1968-78. Includes Liberal and National Party policy statements and speeches on 'Aboriginal Affairs' and pamphlets; and newspaper clippings on the Federal Liberal National Coalition Parties, the Queensland National Party Premier, Joh Bjelke Peterson, and political cartoons. Also includes photocopy 'Aborigines – what is going wrong?', by Keith D. Suter, *Survival International Review*, Winter 1977
- 7 Other political parties, 1969-77. Includes *Australia Party: principles and policies*, 1969 and c.1972; *National Journal of the Australian Democrats*, September 1977; policy statement of the *Progress Party*, Northern Territory; and *Program an Party Kenethlegek Kernow. Programme of the Cornish Nationalist Party*, n.d.

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Series 29 Miscellaneous material – Population data, 1970-77

This series comprises reports incorporating statistical data on the Indigenous population of Australia.

Item

- 1-2 Reports, 1970-78. Includes 'list of places in Australia where Aboriginal people live...' issued by Gordon M. Bryant, MP, 25 March 1970 (3 copies); state total (of Aborigines) from *Census 1971*; agenda notice and correspondence relating to the National Seminar on World Population held August, 1973, Australian National University; *Reference paper. The Australian Aborigines, 1974*. Australian Information Service Publication; and Australia. *Department of Aboriginal Affairs. Statistical Section Newsletter*, nos.1 and 2, 1976; no.3, 1977; no.5, 1978
- 3 National Population Inquiry, 1973-75. Includes letter of W.D. Borrie to Joe McGinness, 1973; and summary report of the *First Report of the National Population Inquiry*, 1975. A photocopy of Part C 'The Aboriginal population' from *Population and Australia: a demographic analysis and projection first report of the National Population Inquiry (Australia)* [Chairman W.D. Borrie] was held in the original files. [The full report see B A942.91/P1 in the Library]

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Series 30 Miscellaneous material – Racism, 1969-78

Racism is a form of behavior that involves treating some people better than others because of their race.

This series comprises correspondence, leaflets, newsletters and newspaper clippings on all aspects of racism, mainly in Australia, but also in Southern Africa. See also *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*, [Series 26 Item 1](#).

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- 1-8 Newspaper clippings, 1973-78. Mainly newspaper clippings covering such issues as the pressure for the removal of racially discriminatory legislation in Queensland; implementation of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*; discrimination of Indigenous Australians in hotels and retail stores; treatment of Indigenous peoples by the police and the prison system; assurances on the 'Aboriginal' right of veto under the *Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*; the 'apartheid' regime and sport; tensions in Namibia, Rhodesia, East Timor, Cocos Island and South Australia; 'Aboriginal hostels' in Queensland; racism in schools; a visa ban on an American black academic; reports to the United Nations on Australian Indigenous peoples; language problems of migrant and Indigenous peoples; and the Indigenous peoples of Tasmania. As found
- 9-10 Correspondence, reports, press statements etc., 1969-77. Includes correspondence, information sheets and minutes on Newcastle campaign on racism; photocopies 'Insurance against hatred', by J. Horner, *The Bulletin*, 17 December 1966; A black civil engineer looks at his profession, by Frederick E. Jordan, *Civil Engineering-ASCE*, September, 1969; Racism in Australia: an introductory perspective, by A. Barrie Pittock, 1971; Racial bias in Australian school studies, *Development News Digest*, 1 (2) 1972; 'From the very depths...: a black view of white racism', by Len Watson, 1973 (Item 9); and report to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination [by the Australian Delegation], 1977 with associated material (Item 10)
- 11-14 South Africa, 1977-78. Includes FCAATSI correspondence with the United Nations, Centre against Apartheid, 1977; newspaper clippings on 'apartheid' generally, and Senator Glen Sheil; *Hakika: a bulletin of political news and comment on Southern Africa*, nos.1-6, 8, 10-12, 1977 (Item 13); *Africa News* [Newsletter of Southern Africa Liberation Centre, Sydney] 1 (4-7, 9-10, 13, 15, 18) 1978 with leaflets and miscellaneous newsletters (Item 14)

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Series 31 Miscellaneous material – Social welfare, 1970-78

This series includes correspondence, reports, booklets and newspaper clippings referring to the fostering and/or adoption of 'Aboriginal' children, and the inquiry into poverty in Australia. Printed material from the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) and the Australian Government Social Welfare Commission found in the original files are not included in this series but they are listed in [Series 35 Item 1](#).

Item

- 1-2 Correspondence etc., 1970-77. Includes correspondence of Faith Bandler with the Directorate of Aboriginal Welfare, Department of Child Welfare and Social Welfare,

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- NSW, 1970-73; report on 'Overseas Study Grant Tour through Canada and United States – 20th June, 1976 to 17th November 1976', by Mollie G. Dyer; ACOSS newsletters; Social Welfare Commission *People power: Australian Assistance Plan*, 1975; and newspaper clippings
- 3 Poverty in Australia, 1973-75. Includes *Submission to the Commonwealth Commission of 'Enquiry' into Poverty*, by Kanangra Society, 1973; *Poverty in Australia: Interim report of the Australian Government's Commission of Inquiry into Poverty March 1974*; and Social Welfare Commission. *Social policy: two papers on current issues*, 1975

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Series 32 Miscellaneous material – Telecommunications and the media, 1969-78

This series includes correspondence, minutes, notes and newspaper clippings most of which came under the original file heading of 'Communications'.

Item

- 1 Telecommunications, 1974-78. Includes correspondence of Evelyn Scott with the Commonwealth Government requesting improvement of telephone, radio and television services to the isolated areas of the far north of Australia and Torres Strait, 1974; and newspaper clippings referring to communications generally to the far north of Australia and Torres Strait, 1977-78
- 2 Media, 1969-77. Includes correspondence of Faith Bandler and Evelyn Scott to various members of the media, 1969-74; photocopy 'Aboriginal radio', paper prepared by Jirra (Ross Moore), Department of Aboriginal Affairs, c.1976; and 'Proposed A.B.C. radio program for Aborigines', minutes of meeting, Darwin, 1 April 1976 and associated handwritten foolscap notes, 2 +8pp.

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Series 33 Miscellaneous material – Torres Strait border issue, 1969-78

By the early 1970s several members of the Australian Parliament and Papuan Parliament began to talk about the necessity to redress the grievance of the peoples of Papua New Guinea over the border between Australia and Papua New Guinea. A case for redress of the grievances was mounted and this involved removing the border between Australian and Papua New Guinea further south.

FCAATSI opposed such a move and launched a campaign to maintain the current border. At a meeting in April 1977 it called on the Commonwealth Government to break off negotiations with Papua New Guinea and start talks with the Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This series includes correspondence, reports, and newspaper clippings from a range of Australian newspapers on the Torres Strait border issue, the Torres Strait generally, Papua New Guinea and Thursday Island.

Item

- 1-3 Correspondence, reports etc., 1969-77. Includes correspondence concerning mining projects of the Torres Strait Islanders on Moa Island (Banks Island), and the Torres Strait border dispute. Reports and/or articles include 'The Torres Strait border issue: consolidation, conflict or compromise, by The Hon. Gordon Bryant, MHR, 1976'; *Independence for the Torres Strait*, by Aboriginal and Islander Forum, 1976; 'The case for recognition of traditional boundaries in Torres Strait', signed by Getano Lui and Kamuel Abednego, 1977; *Dugongs: distribution, hunting, protective legislation and cultural significance in Papua New Guinea*, United Nations report by B.E.T. Hudson, 1976. 'The Torres Strait Islanders own traditions about their origin', by Wolfgang Laade, *Ethnos*, nos.1-4, 1968; and *The Torres Strait boundary: report and appendices*: by the Australian Parliamentary Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence (Parliamentary Paper No. 416/1976), have been transferred to the Library's Collections at P LAA and B A943.32/F2 respectively.
- 4-5 Newspaper clippings, 1972-78 (bulk 1977-78). Mainly newspaper clippings on the Torres Strait border issue and a small file on Papua New Guinea. Photocopies held in Item 5

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Series 34 Miscellaneous material – Wages and employment, 1973-78

This series comprises reports, press statements, correspondence, pamphlets and newspaper clippings on discrimination in employment, and employment of Indigenous peoples in the bureaucracy and industry generally. See *Statistical Section Newsletter*, [Series 29 Item 2](#).

Item

- 1-2 Reports, 1973-77. Includes *Discrimination in employment and occupation*, Ministerial statement by The Hon. Clyde Cameron MP, 1973 and associated correspondence; 'The employment status of Aborigines', address by H.C. Coombs, 1972; Wage discrimination, by Barrie Christophers; n.d.; 'The integration of Aborigines into employment', n.d., 15pp.; 'Aboriginal wages and the Trust system in Queensland', by Frank Stevens, 1969; Commonwealth Department of Labour and National Service. *Labour Market Studies, no.1: Aborigines*, 1969; Report on employment conditions in Victoria, by G. Briggs, 1972; 'Aborigines and industrialised society', by Alan T. Duncan, 1972; report on *The Cotton Growing Employee's Award*, by Jack Horner, 1973; 'Exploitation of black workers', by Warwick Neilley, *Australian Left Review*, no.60, 1977; and various Australian Bureau of Statistics Queensland Office publications on commodities, 1976
- 3 Newspaper clippings, 1977-78. Covers articles on new industries, employment of Indigenous peoples in the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, the 'Aboriginal works programme', and employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples generally

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Series 35 Miscellaneous printed material

This series includes monographs, booklets, claim books, teaching manuals, conference papers, manuscripts, reports, journals, newsletters and newspapers collected by FCAATSI. Most of material has been either incorporated into the general Library holdings and can be accessed

through [Mura®](#), [the AIATSIS catalogue](#), or else offered to other collecting institutions. A list of this material is held in Item 1. A selection of folio sized newsletters has been retained within the FCAATSI records and are housed in Item 2.

Item

- 1 List of miscellaneous printed material from the FCAATSI records. Typescript list prepared by AIATSIS Library, 2001 (three copies)
- 2 Miscellaneous newsletters. Includes loose, folio-sized newsletters and/or newspapers listed below:
 - Aboriginal and Islander Forum*, 1 (5 and 6) 1975; 2 (5) 1976; 2 (6, 10 and 12) 1977
 - Australian Union of Students* (Deep North Region), *The Act* [newsletter devoted to the *Queensland Act*], n.d.
 - Black Liberation*, 2 (2) 1976
 - Boomerang Bulletin*, 8 April 1976
 - Campaign Against Nuclear Power* (Brisbane), August, [1978?]; no. 41, 1978, no.43, 1979; and *Uranium: the world says no* [newsletter devoted to uranium mining], n.d.
 - Care News* [Campaign Against Racial Exploitation, Victoria], no. 3, 1977; no. 4, 1978
 - Central Australian Land Rights News*, no. 9, 1977
 - Congress for International Co-operation & Disarmament* (CICD Anti-War Centre), 4 (3) 1975
 - The Daily Planet News*, 1 (1) 1977
 - Koori Bina* (*A Black Australian News Monthly*), 1 (5) 1977
 - The Indian news* (*Ottawa, Canada*), 15 (3)
 - Land Rights* (*Black Women's Action Group for the Aboriginal Land Rights Campaign*), January 1977
 - Land Rights News*, no. 22, 1978
 - Learning Exchange*, Issue 59, November 1977
 - Melbourne Land Rights Committee*, Newsletter, no. 1, 1976
 - Messagestick*, 1 (2) 1976; January 1977; 2 (5) 1977
 - Mureena*, 2 (2), 1976
 - National U* (*National Student Union Newspaper*), no. 1, 7 March 1977
 - The Palm Islander*, 1 (2, 3 and 4) 1976; 1 (5 and 6) 1977
 - Seli Hoo* (*Monthly Bulletin on Vanuaaku and New Caledonia*), no. 1, 1977
 - Student Action for Aboriginal Australians Newsletter*, 2 (3) 1975

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Time and Energy (National Energy News Service), May 1978

Tribune (*Australia's Communist Weekly*), nos. 2038, 2039, 2051, 2067, 1978

Women at Work, no. 8, 1977

ADDITION MAY 2007

The material found in this Addition was transferred from MS 33 and MS 2304 in May 2007. At the same time, those reports and Proceedings of FCAATSI that were previously held in the Rare Serials Collection, at RS 24/1, were transferred to this collection.

Most of the material transferred at this time was incorporated into the existing series within the collection. However, the records found in this Addition are the few that could not be incorporated elsewhere in the collection.

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Series 36 National Tribal Council

Following an unsuccessful motion at the 1970 FCAATSI Conference to eliminate effective non-Indigenous participation, the National Tribal Council (N.T.C.) was formed. Based in Brisbane, the National Tribal Council drew up a constitution which allowed non-Indigenous members the right to speak on an issue but not to vote.

Transferred from MS 33 Addition 1978 and MS 2304 in May 2007.

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- 1a-c 'Policy manifesto, September 1970 (3 copies). Photocopies with different cover pages on copies 1 and 3, no cover page on copy 2
- 2a-c Constitution, September 1970, January 1971 and April 1971
- 3 [Minutes], 1st National Tribal Council Conference, September 12 and 13, 1970

Series 37 Other papers**Item**

- 1 'Report of race relations in Mossman', correspondence from Duncan Missionary, Chairman, Wawu Dimbi Co. Ltd., 27 February 1978 [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]
- 2 Advertisement for 2nd National Aboriginal Country and Western Festival, 9-10 April [1977] and a Northern Land Council advertisement to inform the public about a land claim in the Alligator Rivers area [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]
- 3 Two unidentified pages, one with report of point made by Billy Craigie at an unknown meeting, one in shorthand [transferred from MS 2304, May 2007]
- 4 'Third report' of the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory Standing Committee on Integration. Photocopy [transferred from MS 33 1978 Addition, May 2007]
- 5 'Self-government for Australian Aborigines', by John Baker, Convenor, Trade Union Committee of FCAATSI. Paper on proposed 1969 Conference proposed as part of a

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programme preparing the public and parliaments for an understanding of this issue.
[Photocopy transferred from MS 2304 May 2007]

- 6 'Sat am before tea break. After official reports', report of discussion. Unknown source
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	16	1-6
26	16	7-16
27	16	17-21
	17	1-5
28	17	6-9
	18	1-3
	19	1-3
	20	1-2

Box	Series	Items
29	20	3-12
30	20	13-18
	21	1-4
31	21	5-9
	22	1-5
32	22	6-11
	23	1-5
33	23	6-10
	24	1-7
34	24	8-9
	25	1-9
35	25	10-20
36	25	21-24
	26	1-7
37	26	8-18
38	26	19-21
	27	1-9
39	27	10-19
40	27	20-21
	28	1-7
41	29	1-3
	30	1-8
42	30	9-14
	31	1-3

Box	Series	Items
	32	1
43	32	2
	33	1-5
	34	1-3
	35	1
44 (Folio box)	35	2
43	36-37	

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