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Mr Waters said the campers at Knuckey's La-

goon had several other problems.

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People often dumped household rubbish in the area being occupied by the Aboriginals, and men often visited the camp at night looking for women.

"We tell them to go away, but they keep coming back," he said.

"We are also worried by a couple of white men who have camped near us. We don't want them there, because it is our land."

"We are negotiating with the Welfare Branch on our claim to control the land, and we will fence it when we can get some money together," he said.

Mr Secretary said the Larrakias also hoped to fence Kulaluk, although their claims to the area had been rejected by the Government.

The Aboriginals hoped watersiders would help provide the money for fencing materials.



● Picture shows, from left, Mr Waters, Mr Fogarty, Mr Arbuckle and Mr Secretary.