

Mr. I. G. Hancock,
Mulga Downs Station,
via ROEBOURNE.

23rd October, 1940

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th instant relative to two half-caste children recently taken from your Station.

The two children referred to are female quadroons or half-castes. They are aged six and eight years, respectively, and they are the children of coloured mothers by white men. Such children are always removed to institutions and the fathers are compelled to pay maintenance if the necessary evidence is available.

If the children were half-castes of half-caste parents they would not be removed except if they were orphans or in destitute circumstances. However, these particular children are the offspring of coloured mothers and white fathers. Their proper place is in an institution for education and training to a better life. It is due to them that they should have their opportunities in life.

Constable Wightman,
Protector of Natives,
ROEBOURNE.

31st December, 1940.

I have had a long talk with Mr. George Hancock, senior, of Mulga Downs. I told Mr. Hancock I was dissatisfied with native matters on the station, and a considerable improvement would be necessary, otherwise the station's permit would be refused.

COMMISSIONER OF NATIVE AFFAIRS

Commissioner of Native Affairs to Constable B. P. McGeary
3 July 1941

I also mentioned to Constable Wightman that as it was apparent that Mulga Downs was the scene of illicit intercourse, it must be suppressed and we expected Mr. Hancock of that Station to assist us in this direction. If he proved himself unwilling to do so then consideration would be given as to whether he was a suitable person to hold a permit to employ natives.