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Mulga Downs Station,  
via Roebourne.  
October 4th. 1940.

The Minister for the North-West.,  
Parliament House,  
PERTH.

Dear Sir,

In the absence of the manager of this station the local police officer and Inspector Mc Beith ran down and captured two half-caste children who were decently clothed and fed, and cruelly took them from their mothers, to be a burden on the State, despite the fact that they and their parents were fed, clothed and insured by us. No letter of explanation was left or forwarded.

It appears that essential work is neglected in favour of heaping misery upon defenceless children.

We would suggest that the two children be returned to us and two of the starving mites substituted, as there is no justification for wasting money and inflicting cruelty upon them, especially when every penny should be spent in keeping Hitler from the door.

Yours faithfully,  
MULGA DOWNS LIMITED.  
per

*L. G. Hancock*

Signed by L. G. Hancock

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names of fathers &  
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states: "We should ascertain the names of fathers"*

Constable S.J. Wightman,  
Protector of Natives,  
ROEBOURNE.

17th October, 1940

I attach a copy of a communication received by the Hon. Minister and should be pleased to have your comments on the allegations made therein.

It has always been the policy to remove the offspring of native mothers by white fathers, especially female children. Such children have a better opportunity at Settlements. They are educated, trained and sent out to employment.

[Commissioner to Protector re Hancock's complaint on removal of Cella & Minit from Mulga Downs Station]