Letter from Pearl Gibbs

C/o Post Office

Nowra, S. Coast

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To

Mr H.P. Lazzarini M.H.R.

Canberra

Dear Sir,

As a woman of aboriginie [sic] blood & therefore greatly interested in matters concerning my race, I notice by the press the full blooded & near full bloods are to receive old aged & invalid pensions. Does this apply to aboriginie [sic] who are living on aboriginie [sic] stations & reserves? As it was not compulsary [sic] for people of aboriginie [sic] blood to be registered at birth until about 45 years ago, they have much trouble in proving age. Some were christned [sic] & so can tell by that, others were not so fortunate. So you will quite understand that the latter are most unfortunate through no fault of their own, which, you will agree is most unjust.

Also how does the pensions apply to aboriginies [sic] living on Federal Terriatory [sic], such as Wreck Bay aboriginie [sic] station. Will the pensions if granted to aboriginie [sic] living on station or reserves be paid in cash? I sincerly [sic] hope it will no [sic] go through the Aboriginie [sic] Welfare Board & be paid by orders as is done with the endowerment [sic], which is most unfair. Trusting this very important matter will receive your most urgent attention.

Yours Faithfully

Pearl Gibbs (Mrs)