



Mr Michael Anderson, who has been nominated as Aboriginal High Commissioner by the demonstrators camped outside Parliament House, stands in front of the "Aboriginal Embassy" on the lawn. Mr Anderson set up the camp on January 27 to protest for Aboriginal land rights.

# Aborigines seek \$6 billion

The Aboriginal campers on the lawns opposite Parliament House have prepared a five-point plan which they intend to present to Parliament when it resumes on February 22.

The leader of the group, Mr Michael Anderson, said that the plan demands:

Full State rights of the Northern Territory under Aboriginal ownership and all titles for mineral ownership.

All other reserves and settlements in Australia with their titles to mining and mineral rights.

Mineral and mining rights in certain towns and cities.

Preservation of all sacred Aboriginal sites included in parts 1 and 2.

Compensation of an initial payment of \$6 billion

for all other land throughout Australia and a percentage of the Gross National Product each year.

The Aborigines prepared the plan at a "cabinet" meeting attended by 30 representatives yesterday morning.

Mr Anderson said the five claims would be the beginning of demands on the Government to compensate for their land-rights claim.

Members of the Yirrkala tribe presented the Prime Minister, Mr McMahon, with a letter last Thursday, which indicated that the Yirrkala village council was very firm on wanting full and absolute rights to their land.

The Yirrkala's legal adviser, Mr Purcell, said in a telephone call to The Canberra Times from Melbourne yesterday that the people believed the Government would eventually

grant the title when it understood the Aboriginal ways better.

"This has been consistently the main point. I am anxious for policy-makers and others in Canberra to accurately understand that we do in fact, still want absolute title and that any other measures we take, like considering a general purpose lease . . . would only be a stop-gap", he said.

"I want to correct any impression that we were satisfied with the result of the conference with Mr McMahon. We were only considering seeking a lease at that stage.

"We propose to test the bona fides of the Government's interpretation of their policy by applying for a general-purpose lease of the area from Arnhem Bay to Blue Mud Bay", he said.