

Promotion for Perkins

Mr Charles Perkins, the controversial assistant secretary in the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, has been promoted to the post of first-assistant secretary, with responsibility for the department's No 2 policy division.

Mr Perkins will be responsible for advice and administration of Aboriginal matters dealing in particular with Aboriginal communities throughout Australia.

Mr Perkins was an unsuccessful Independent candidate for the Senate from the Northern Territory in 1975. During the term of the Labor Government he was a vocal critic of the administration of his own department.

In 1975 his autobiography, 'A Bastard Like Me', was published.