

60 PROTEST OVER LAKE TYERS RULING



Mr Julian Hood - at the State Offices today.

In Melbourne today, 60 aboriginals marched to the old Treasury buildings in Spring St., to give a petition to the Governor, Sir Rohan Delacombe.

The petition asked the Governor not to sign a Crown Land Grant, giving the Lake Tyers aboriginal reserve to the people now living there.

Aboriginal, Mr Julian Hood, said that if the land was given to these people he would have to ask permission to go back to the place where he was born more than 70 years ago.

He said he believed the land at Lake Tyers belonged to all aboriginal people for all time.

The petition was signed by more than 120 aboriginal people.

The marchers walked from the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs in King St., up Collins St. to the Old Treasury buildings.

The Governor is to sign the Crown Land Grant tomorrow and present the

leaders of the Lake Tyers Trust at Lake Tyers on Saturday.

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr Meagher, today accused the Country Party MLA for Gippsland East, Mr Evans, of conducting a misleading campaign over Lake Tyers.

Mr Meagher said the statement by Mr Evans that a meeting of three people could approve sale of the Lake Tyers reserve was untrue.

"The land cannot be sold or disposed of except by a unanimous decision of a meeting of the Lake Tyers trust — the residents.

"A quorum of half the 34 adult residents is needed for a decision.

"Any single member of the trust can veto the decision." Mr Meagher