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PROTEST ON SALE OF HOUSE TO ABORIGINAL

SYDNEY, Mon. — Twenty-six people living at Nambucca in northern NSW have signed a petition protesting against the sale of a house near the town to an aboriginal family.

Nambucca Shire Council today decided to refer the petition to the NSW Chief Secretary, Mr. A. Kelly.

The shire president, Mr. A. J. Ballard, said tonight that the council decided to do this "as an expression of its own views about the Aborigines' Welfare Board's policy of assimilation of aboriginal families into the

white community."

The decision had been made without any "expressed disagreement."

Mr. Ballard said that the father of the family was recently granted full Australian citizenship rights.

"I believe the family is of high standing and well-behaved," he said.

"The family has been living at the aboriginal settlement at Nambucca."

"As far as I know, the Aborigines' Welfare Board is furnishing the finance to enable the family to buy the house, which is being sold by a white family."

"Only white people live in the area, which is on the outskirts of Nambucca."

The chairman of the Aborigines' Welfare Board, Mr. A. G. Kingsmill, said that he could not comment until the protest had been received.

"But the policy of the board is, wherever possible, to settle aboriginals in homes in the general community," he said.

"The families assisted by the board to settle in the community are carefully selected, and it is difficult to see any objections to the placing of aboriginals in this way."

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