

# Lake Tyers to be given to Aborigines

**Lakes Tyers Settlement, traditional home of the aborigines of East Gippsland, will be transferred to its aboriginal residents soon under legislation introduced yesterday in State Parliament.**

There are about 85 aborigines residing on the 4,000 acre settlement at Lake Tyers which is being developed as a farming enterprise.

Lake Tyers already produces beef, timber and other products.

Framlingham, a 485-acre settlement on the Hopkins River near Warrnambool, will also be transferred to the aborigines under the Bill introduced into the Legislative Assembly.

There are about 50 aborigines at Framlingham,

many of them pensioners.

Under the Bill the aborigines will have freehold possession of the land and a trust of aborigines will be set up to administer each of the settlements.

A thousand shares will be issued to each adult and 500 shares to each child.

The State Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (Mr Meagher) told members that the aborigines would be entitled to sell their land, but only by a unanimous decision of residents in each settlement.