

Aboriginals 'political' prisoners

All Aboriginals gaoled in Australia were political prisoners, a member of an Aboriginal advancement group claimed yesterday.

Mrs Kath Miller, of the Aborigine and Torres Strait Islanders Advancement Council, told a meeting in Brisbane that Aboriginals were denied housing and employment.

They were arrested often for only trying to feed their families. This made them political prisoners, she said.

Mrs Miller was speaking in support of a call by Mr Clarrie Grogan for rehabilitation centres for Aboriginals when they left prison.

The meeting was held after a march from the Trades Hall, where the council had been holding their Federal conference.

About half of the 100 people who attended the meeting were white. The march was escorted by two uniformed police.