

Chief Protector of Aboriginals Office, State Government of Queensland

25 March 1904 – 12 October 1939

Other Names: • Chief Protector

Details

The Chief Protector of Aboriginals Office, established in 1904, was responsible for the welfare of Queensland's Aboriginal population who were deemed to be State Wards. The Chief Protector operated according to a policy of separation and segregation in relation to Aborigines placed under State control.

From 1898 to 1904, the protection system in Queensland had comprised a Northern Protector (Walter Roth) and a Southern Protector (Archibald Meston). Roth was appointed Chief Protector in 1904.

There was also a position for the Protector of Aborigines (Female), also known as the Protectress. This position remained in existence until 1933 when Mrs. A.E. Sullivan resigned after 17 years in the position. Her resignation was probably a response to a report on the Office of the Chief Protector of Aboriginals conducted in 1932 which had called for the position of female Protector to be abolished. At that time, the duties of the Female Protector were handed over to the female officers of the accounts branch and the responsibility of inspecting Aboriginal girls in employment was transferred to the Inspector of the State Children Department.

In 1939, the Office of the Chief Protector of Aboriginals was succeeded by the Office of the Director of Native Affairs.

More info

Chronology

- **Chief Protector of Aboriginals Office, State Government of Queensland (25 March 1904 – 12 October 1939)**
 - Director Of Native Affairs Office, State Government of Queensland (12 October 1939 - 28 April 1966)
 - Aboriginal and Island Affairs Department, State Government of Queensland (28 April 1966 - 16 January 1975)
 - Aboriginal and Islanders Advancement Department, State Government of Queensland (1975 - 1984)
 - Community Services Department, State Government of Queensland (1984 - 1987)
 - Community Services and Ethnic Affairs Department, State Government of Queensland (1987 - 1989)

Related Entries

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- [Woorabinda \(c. 1927 - 1986\)](#)
- [Palm Island Aboriginal Settlement \(1 April 1918 - 1975\)](#)
- [Cherbourg Aboriginal Settlement \(c. 1904 - 1986\)](#)
- [Aboriginal Girls Home \(1899 - 1906\)](#)

Related Legislation

- [Aboriginals Protection and Restriction of the Sale of Opium Act 1897, Queensland \(1897 - 1939\)](#)

Records

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- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Records \(1880s - current\)](#)
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