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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

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Anti-Conscription League of Australasia

H. B. Charlesworth,

Secretary

TRADES HALL, SYDNEY

Octr. 28th 1916

Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson, Governor General of Australia.

Sir,

At the last meeting of the above league, the insulting remarks of Mr. Smithers, S.M., the magistrate sitting on the Burwood and Glebe exemption courts, to the conscientious objectors and others, appearing before him claiming exemptions from compulsory military service, was brought under the notice of the committee, and I was instructed to convey to you the following resolution which was carried.

"That this meeting of the Anti-Conscription League protests against the prejudiced, partisan and unjudicial treatment, meted out to applicants for exemption from compulsory military service by Mr. Smithers S.M., and would call the attention of the authorities to the same".

Trusting the above will receive your attention.

Yours faithfully,

H. B. Charlesworth.
Hon. Secretary.

89/441/1.

26th October, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, inviting attention to the attitude adopted by Mr. Smithers, S.M., the Magistrate sitting on the Burwood and Glebe Exemption Courts, in regard to conscientious objectors and others.

Yours faithfully,

Official Secretary to
H.E. the Governor-General.

Mr. H.E. Charlesworth,

Secretary,

Anti-Conscription League of Australasia,

Trades Hall, Sydney.

Perdy

Melbourne,
25th October, 1916.

89/441/1.

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department,

Transmitting herewith letter received from the
Anti-Conscription League of Australasia, dated 20th October,
relative to the attitude adopted by Mr. Smithers, S.M., the
Magistrate sitting on the Burwood and Glebe Exemption Courts,
in regard to conscientious objectors and others.

Official Secretary to
H.E. the Governor-General.

Anti-Conscription League of Australasia



H. B. Charlesworth. SECRETARY

TRADES HALL, SYDNEY.

Novr 20th.

1916

Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson, Governor General.

Sir,

I am instructed to forward you, the following resolution, carried at a meeting held in the Domain, Sunday Novr. 19th.

"That this meeting of citizens and workers demands the repeal of the conscription Proclamation, and the annulment of all Court proceedings against defaulters. Further that the Commonwealth is in greater danger from the discredited Hughes Government continuing in office against the wishes of the People, than from any outside foes, and the Governor General would be well advised to favour an early appeal to the electors."

Yours faithfully,

H. B. Charlesworth.
Gen. Secretary.

89/441/2

23rd. November, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th. instant, transmitting a Resolution which was carried at a Meeting held in the Domain on Sunday last.

Yours faithfully,

Official Secretary to
H.E. the Governor-General.

Mr. H. B. Charlesworth,
Secretary,
Trades Hall,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

89/441/2

M e l b o u r n e.

23rd. November, 1916.

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department.

Transmitting herewith, by direction, copy
of a letter addressed to the Governor-General by the
General Secretary of the Anti-Conscription League of
Australasia, dated the 20th. instant, covering a
Resolution carried at a meeting held in the Domain
Sydney, on Sunday last.

Official Secretary to
H.E. the Governor-General.

Anti-conscription League of Australasia
Mudgee Branch. (100 members)

Perry St,
Mudgee.
N.S.W.

To His Excellency
Sir Ronald Munro-Ferguson
Governor General
Melbourne.

17 NOV 1916



I have the honor by direction of the
above League to forward to your Excellency
the under mentioned resolution passed
unanimously at the League's meeting on the
16th inst. as follows.

That in the opinion of this meeting, the present
Hughes Government, being composed of members
and Senators who have lost the confidence
of the majority of the People of Australia, are
not fit persons to be advisers to His Excellency
the Governor General.

I have the honor to be
Your obedient servant.

Arthur Nethercott.
Joint Hon Sec.

passed to Officer Secretary
20/11/16 RRP

89/441/2

23rd November, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th instant covering a Resolution passed by the Mudgee Branch of the Anti-Conscription League of Australia on the subject of Conscription.

Yours faithfully,

Official Secretary to H.E.
The Governor General.

Mr. Arthur Nethercott,
Anti-Conscription League of Australia,
Perry Street, Mudgee,
N.S.W.

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TELEPHONE NO.
CENTRAL 5551.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

P.M. 116/3642/283



Melbourne, 29th November, 1916.

The Official Secretary
to the Governor-General.

With reference to your memorandum of the 23rd instant forwarding copy of letter from the General Secretary, Anti-Conscription League of Australia, Trades Hall, Sydney, embodying a resolution urging the repeal of the proclamation issued under Part IV of the Defence Act calling upon men to report for military service, I am directed to request you to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to be so good as to advise the General Secretary that a proclamation was issued on the 22nd instant repealing the one issued on the 29th of September.

W. Shepherd

Secretary.

89/441/4.

4th December, 1916.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 23rd ultimo, with respect to the Resolution which was carried at a meeting held in the Domain on Sunday, the 19th idem, I am now to inform you that a Proclamation was issued on the 22nd November, repealing the one issued on the 29th September, on the subject of the calling upon men to report for Military Service.

Yours faithfully,

Official Secretary to
H.E. the Governor-General.

Mr. H. Charlesworth,
Trades Hall,
Sydney, N.S.W..

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