Letter to the Federated Ironworkers’ Association

From: Markus, A. “Labour and Immigration”, Post-war Reconstruction Seminar, Australian National University, Canberra.


I am happy to be able to inform your Association that the necessary assurances have been given by the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited, which undertakes -

i) not to engage any unnaturalised displaced person for its operating staff, ie to undertake work with tools on normal award classifications;

ii) to employ displaced persons on jobs least attractive to Australian workers and to take advantage of the availability of displaced persons to effect desired transfers of Australian workers wherever possible and to give the benefit of ’pickings’ wherever practicable;...

Signed: A.A. Calwell, Minister for Immigration.