

"MAINTENANCE ACT 1926"

Notice to Parents of Recommendation of Extension
Of
Child's Detention.

To Mrs. Lucy Blueskin,
C/o Mission Station,
KONIRA.

Madam,

Pursuant to "Maintenance Act, 1926", I hereby inform you that the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board has recommended that the period of detention by the Board, of your daughter, ETTIE MASON, be extended for ONE YEAR, that is until she attains the age of 21 years.

I hereby notify you that you have the right, pursuant to the "Maintenance Act, 1926", to make representation to the Honourable the Chief Secretary, on the question whether the period of detention shall or shall not be extended.

You may at any time within ONE MONTH after the posting of this notice (that is the 20th day of February, 1928) make such representation to the Honourable the Chief Secretary.

IN WITNESS whereof the seal of the said Board has been hereunto affixed this twentieth day of February, 1928.



Chairman,
Children's Welfare and Public Relief
Board.

I certify that I posted a

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Koonibba,

12. March 1928

The Honourable the Chief Secretary,
Adelaide.

Dear Sir,

ACKNOWLEDGED. 15/3/1928.

Lucy Blueskin, a native woman, received notice that the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board recommended that the period of detention of her daughter, Ettie Mason, a half-caste, be extended for one year.

As Lucy is unable to write she asked me to do so for her.

She would like her daughter to come back now, as she has not seen her since 1913. Will you kindly get into touch with the Chairman of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and do what you can for her welfare.

Yours,

Sir,

On behalf of Lucy humbly yours,

B. Hoff.



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12 March 1928

The Chairman
Children's Welfare & Public Relief Board,
Adelaide.

Dear Sir,

Ms Lucy Bluestein,
being a camp native, is unable to
read or write she wants me to reply
to your letter of the 20th February.

She says that she naturally would
prefer to have her daughter now. At
any rate they would be pleased to hear
from her.

Would you kindly inform me
personally what happens when such
a child or young woman as Ettie
Mason is no longer detained. Is
she just set adrift? I am not con-
versant with the procedure of
your Board. It does seem a pity that
a girl who has been brought up under
such favourable conditions should be
transplanted into a lepra's camp.
Of what character is this girl? Perhaps

when the time for her release comes
I could find a suitable place for her
with respectable people here on the
West Coast. This would satisfy her
for mother & at the same time help
the girl. I would be grateful to
you to receive some information.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

yours respectfully

S. Hoff

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Mr. C. Hoff,
Superintendent,
Koonibba Mission.

Sir,

I have your letter written on behalf of Lucy Blueskin, and her daughter, Ettie Mason.

The letter was sent to her in accordance with the "Maintenance Act, 1926", i.e. that the parent or parents be notified the Board has recommended the period of detention be extended for another year. In this case the Board has recommended that Ettie's term be extended until she attains the age of twenty one years, on that day the girl will be free from the care of this Department, and at liberty to please herself where she goes.

It is usual to place girls in a good situation prior to their term expiring, ^{but} of course, they may please themselves whether they stay in such home or not. In fact, every endeavor is made to place these girls suitably, *in suitable* situations in preference to detaining them in an Institution.

You may inform Lucy Blueskin that the Board has recommended that Ettie be kept under control for another year, therefore, she need not worry about her being well cared for.

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The notice was sent, as previously stated, in order that the mother may make an appeal against the Board's recommendation, it then remains for the Honourable the Chief Secretary to decide what shall be done in the matter.

Yours obediently,

Secretary, C.W. & P.R. Bd.

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11th April, 1928.

Miss Ettie Mason,
G/o The Matron,
McBride Hospital,
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My Dear Girl,

At a recent meeting of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board it was decided to extend your period of supervision until you are 21. This has been done with the idea of helping you as much as possible. If the Board had decided to release you when you were 20 years of age, you would have no one to turn to when you left McBride Hospital, and you would have a very hard struggle with your baby girl.

Your sincere friend,

Secretary, C.W.&.P.R.Bd.

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