

My name is Moses Silver and I am getting pretty old now.

I live at Mataranka and I have lived around this country for a long time.

I want you to know that I like to work with cattle on the cattle stations. I grew up along with the cattle. I didn't go to school and I never really learned all the school stuff. Instead I learned how to muster and brand and to catch the mickey bulls. We mother up the cows and calves so they find each other again.

Every dry season I like to work in the bush with cattle and horses and bullcatchers. I don't want to see all the cattle stations shut down and have no money and all the cattle gone. We need to be sending our cattle to Indonesia for the market and we have to get those meatworks in Indonesia fixed up so they are better for the cattle.

I look forward to working on a station and getting a bit of beef. Too many young people have nothing to do, no real jobs, and they hang around in town instead of in the bush where we Aboriginal people belong.

Thank you.