

# Showdown expected

**CANBERRA** — The National Aboriginal Consultative Committee last night was headed for a major showdown with the Federal Government over the powers of its constitution and the future of the aboriginal "embassy".

The N.A.C.C. refused to reduce extensive powers which the draft constitution gives its council of "ministers".

nagh's support the proposed constitution has no chance of being approved by Cabinet.

It also criticised the Aboriginal Affairs Minister (Senator Cavanagh) for demanding the removal of the tent "embassy" opposite Parliament House.

The N.A.C.C. communications "minister" (Mr Bruce McGuinness) said late yesterday: "We are not going to be dictated to."

"We are in disagreement with the minister."

"We will not kow tow." He said the N.A.C.C. agreed that the constitution did not give too much power to the executive.

The 41-member body earlier passed a motion calling on Senator Cavanagh to retract his statement that the aboriginal "embassy" was "unsightly" and was not helping its cause.

Last night Senator Cavanagh refused to back down over his stand on both the constitution and the "embassy".

He said from Adelaide: "I have agreed to submit the final constitution to Cabinet."

"But in its present form I will not support it."

Questioned on the "embassy", he said: "In the interests of the welfare of aborigines I will not issue a retraction."

On Wednesday, Senator Cavanagh told the N.A.C.C. that he would strongly oppose the draft constitution in Cabinet unless major amendments were made to it.

He told the N.A.C.C. that the constitution gave too much power to the council of "ministers".

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