NACC walkout threat over facilities

Delegates to the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee meeting in Canberra this week are threatening to walk out because of the Federal Government's refusal to improve their working facilities.

The Perth delegate, Mr Edward Bennell, said yesterday: "We are expected to operate without office facilities, staff or any type of transport.

"The Government has said that the NACC is the most influential and powerful Aboriginal body in Australia, yet we are faced with this situation.

"Many of the delegates are so dissatisfied that they feel like going home."

Mr Bruce McGuiness (34), a Victorian student and film maker, has been elected chairman of the NACC.