

# NACC 'staff withheld'

The secretary of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Mr Barrie Dexter, said last night that he had withheld staff from the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee because of

the treatment they had received from the committee.

In a message conveyed to the NACC Mr Dexter said the decision had been made "in view of the quite outrageous treatment of staff made available".

Staff members who had attended the NACC meeting to participate and offer advice had not been given a hearing and had been expelled from the meeting, he said.

Mr Dexter denied a statement by the NACC's president, Mr Jim Stanley, that he had refused to attend the meeting and talk with representatives. He had received no direct request for a meeting, but had told NACC members that he or his relevant staff members would meet delegations of up to three people at the department.

Mr Stanley had not spoken to him since they had

ken to him since they had exchanged pleasantries when the NACC began its meeting on March 5.

A resolution condemning the Government's attitude

towards sporting events with South Africa and its overall policy towards that country, has been passed by the committee.

Trade with South Africa and Rhodesia should be discontinued, shipping should avoid South Africa and Qantas should discontinue its services to that country the committee said.

It also called for postal and telecommunications services to be cut and the removal of all South African and Rhodesian offices in Australia.

**ADELAIDE, Friday.** — A sculpture of a galvanised iron yard containing concrete figures of Aborigines was removed from the South Australian Art Gallery today after a group of Aborigines held a protest demonstration outside.

The piece, by Mr Tony Coleins, carried a label which said, "Plant an Australian native today. If you would like to plant an Australian native please obtain your native and keep

obtain your native and key

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to the garden from the art  
gallery desk attendant.

**Aborigines plan September  
poll. — Page 8.**

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