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'Intimidated'

A delegation of Aborigines said they had been humiliated by security forces before visiting the Prime Minister of Vanuatu, Mr Lini, yesterday afternoon.

Representatives of the National Aboriginal and Islander

Health Organisation and the National Federation of Aboriginal Land Councils had been invited by Mr Lini to a conference at the Wentworth Hotel.

A member of the group, Mr Gary Foley, said that they had been "harassed, intimidated and subjected to an extensive search" in full view of a large crowd in the hotel foyer, despite pleas from the Prime Minister's personal secretary.