

THE 3CR management committee today will discuss an incident in which Aboriginal announcer Gary Foley was taken off air. The incident, at 10.58 am last Thursday, occurred during 'Koorie', a weekly programme co-ordinated on behalf of the Aboriginal community by the chairman of the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, Mr Bruce McGuinness. Mr McGuinness claims that a 3CR staff member entered the studio and turned off Foley's

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microphone when Foley called on 3CR to provide more weekly air time for the Aboriginal community.

He claims that Foley turned it back on and the staff member then turned it off from outside the studio and attempted to have Foley forcibly removed.

He says Foley then left of his own accord.

"We're going to continue to use our half-hour spot and saying the things we think need to be said," he said.

A letter had been sent to the 3CR management requesting an investigation of the staff member's action.

3CR producer Mr Geoff Barbour claims that Foley made false statements — that the Aboriginal community had been unsuccessful in attempts to get more air time on 3CR.

When told that what he was saying was not true, Foley objected and an incident ensued.

Mr Barbour claimed that no applications for increased air time

had been made by Foley or any Aboriginal community group.

The 'Koorie' programme was scheduled every week but did not always go to air because of the lack of a presenter.

An offer of increased air time remained open if it could be demonstrated that people were prepared to put in the necessary work every week.