



Repeal self-governance on Norfolk Island

The Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories today tables its report, "Same country: different world - The future of Norfolk Island."

The Committee has made eight bold recommendations to improve Norfolk Island's economic future including repealing self-governance and replacing it with new governance arrangements.

The Committee also recommends improving infrastructure, enhancing existing tourist products and services, and developing new ones as well as complementary industries.

The Chair, Mr Luke Simpkins MP says economic and governance reform has long been a topic of discussion.

"Norfolk Island is effectively bankrupt and self-governance does not best serve the residents of the Island.

"The evidence tells us it is time for change. That change, while challenging, will allow for economic viability and prosperity into the future. This is what must be done for the people of Norfolk Island."

The report is available for downloading from the Committee website:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/National_Capital_and_External_Territories/Norfolk_Island

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