



Economic development on Norfolk Island

Opportunities to boost the Norfolk Island economy will be discussed at an upcoming public hearing as part of a parliamentary inquiry into the future of the island's economic development.

The National Capital and External Territories Committee is investigating ways Norfolk Island can broaden its economic base, including redressing barriers to tourism.

At tomorrow's hearing the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development will give evidence to the committee about the difficult financial situation Norfolk Island finds itself in and the ways that the Australian Government is working to enhance the economic outlook for Norfolk Island residents.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Thursday 19 June 2014
Time: 10:10 am to 11:10 am
Venue: Committee Room 1R2, Parliament House, Canberra.

Chair Luke Simpkins said the Committee has now consulted with a wide range of Norfolk Island government representatives, business owners and members of the community. The Committee has also spoken with tourism representatives who advocate that facilitating more cruise shipping is one way to help the community get back on its feet.

"I look forward to discussing this and other ways to boost the economy."

Submissions to the inquiry and hearing transcripts are available from the Committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/ncet

The hearing will also be webcast at www.aph.gov.au/live

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