



Growing tourism on Norfolk Island

Factors impacting Norfolk Island tourism will be examined at an upcoming public hearing for the parliamentary inquiry into the island's economic future.

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

At tomorrow's hearing Tourism Australia and Austrade will give evidence to the committee about issues facing the Norfolk Island tourism industry. Both agencies will also discuss their engagement with the island.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Thursday 26 June 2014
Time: 10:10 am to 11:00 am
Venue: Committee Room 1R2, Parliament House, Canberra.

Chair Luke Simpkins said the Committee has met with local business owners and tourism operators on Norfolk Island to talk about ways to boost tourism, as well as the cruise ship company Carnival Australia and advocacy body the Tourism Transport Forum.

"It's clear that both increasing tourist numbers and diversifying tourism will benefit the Norfolk Island economy and we need to look at the various ways that this can be achieved."

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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