



## Parliamentary Committee to visit Norfolk Island for discussions on economic development

The Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories will be visiting Norfolk Island from 28-30 April 2014 as parts of its inquiry into economic development. The Committee will inspect existing businesses and infrastructure and meet with residents to learn more about the economic challenges and opportunities.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Date and Time: Tuesday 29 April 2014  
Time: 9:00 am to 2:30 pm  
Venue: Sirius Room, Paradise Hotel and Resort, Norfolk Island  
Program: Norfolk Island Government; Norfolk Island Government Tourist Bureau; Norfolk Island Chamber of Commerce; and community statements.

There will be an opportunity for residents to make a 5 minute community statement focused on the inquiry terms of reference during two sessions from 11:55 am to 12:55 pm and 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Those wishing to make a statement should advise the secretariat in advance, if they have not already done so. Email: [jscncet@aph.gov.au](mailto:jscncet@aph.gov.au) by 3pm 24 April 2014.

The Committee Chair, Mr Luke Simpkins MP said, "the declining economic situation on Norfolk Island is well- documented. We want to explore innovative ideas for tourism and opportunities to establish or grow other industries with a promising future. We hope that the call for community statements encourages residents to share their vision for bettering Norfolk Island's economic prospects."

**For media comment:** Please contact the Committee Chair Luke Simpkins on (08) 9409 4100 or 0410 976 919.

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