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Senator Ross Lightfoot.  
Chairperson.  
Norfolk Island Governance Inquiry.

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Dear Senator

Thank you for your invitation to appear before your inquiry into the Governance of Norfolk Island this month in Norfolk Island.

As you may know I was elected President/Chairman of the of the Norfolk Island Advisory Council in the early to late 1970's.

You may also be aware that subsequent to the NIMMO Royal commission findings it was my responsibility to lead that Council opposing the findings of the Royal commission on the basis of it being apparent 'political convenience's the time. The Norfolk Council introduced a campaign, which ultimately led to the introduction of The Norfolk Island Act.1979. Hence the commencement of Self Government in Norfolk Island. This Act also proclaimed the preamble to the Act.

It is strongly suggested that your committee takes heed of that legislation and at least abides by its intention.

The Island providing it is left alone without constant dictation by 'committees' of political persuasion can perform its functions at least as well as members of your parliament.

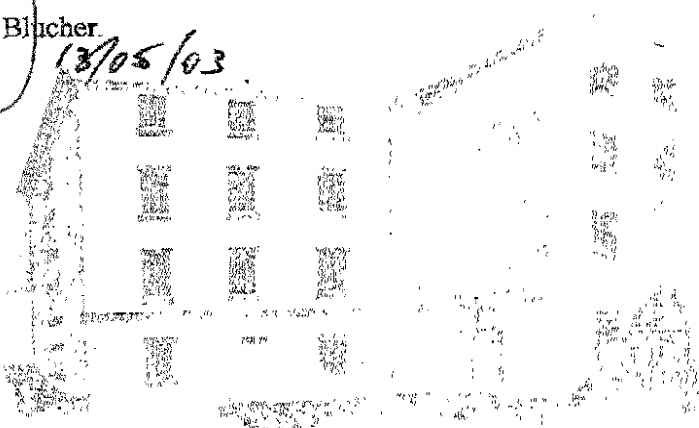
The Island has a "backyard" which is without homeless/destitution/unemployment and serious drug and criminal problems and we are still able to wave with a smile. Therefore please make some comparisons when reaching your judgement on future governance for the Island.

I would be most happy for you to record this letter in public but would decline at such short notice your invitation to appear and give evidence.

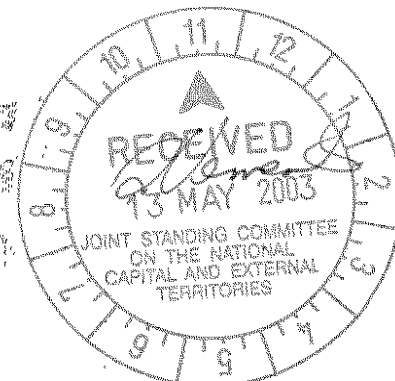
Respectfully Yours,

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