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there have been many inquiry's into the running of norfolk island, unfortunately not very much ever comes of them. one stand out example is the h.e.r.o.c. inquiry into immigration on norfolk island. canberra is still looking at it. however back to your latest inquiry. norfolk island should not have and indeed does not need a legislative assembly what it does need how ever is a local council, with local council powers, handling local affairs. this would in my mind still be a form of self government for norfolk island. customs, education, health & social services and taxation are matters for canberra with the rest to be handled by norfolk islands local council.

this local council should have six members elected by those who live on norfolk, elected under the system of first past the post. one vote one value. these councilors should be elected for a period of three years. separate elections should be held for a new posion of mayor. this position to be held for a period of four years. councilors to be part time meeting one full day a week and to be paid approx. \$8,000 per year and the position of mayor to be a full time position paid approx \$48,000 per year. at present the public service run norfolk and control the agender. the norfolk island assembly are very restricted in what they can or can not do because the public service is so powerful.

norfolk has a very unjust taxation system. everything here is indirect taxation and this serverly affects the low income earner and the pensioner. because the assembly members and the public service are so highly paid there is no way in hell that they will change the tax system here on norfolk. if change is to come it must come from canberra. but no one is holding their breath.

as you will be aware norfolk is broke, but they just don't want to admit it

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