



New inquiry into economic development on Norfolk Island

The Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories announces a new inquiry into economic development on Norfolk Island.

The Norfolk Island Roadmap has as one of its aspirational goals under Economic Development:

- Positive action to encourage diversification and broaden the Island's economic base.

The Committee will inquire into and report on:

- redressing barriers to tourism, with particular regard to air services, facilities for cruise ships, roads and other infrastructure;
- complements to tourism, such as agriculture, other industry or small-medium enterprises; and
- proposals and opportunities for niche industries.

The Committee Chair, Mr Luke Simpkins MP, said, 'the economic situation on Norfolk Island is well-documented. The Committee does not wish to replicate the work of prior reviews or complementary processes like the Norfolk Island Roadmap. We are interested in exploring innovative ideas for tourism and opportunities to establish or grow other industries with a promising future.'

The Committee intends visiting Norfolk Island in late April 2014 and looks forward to inspecting existing businesses and infrastructure, and meeting with residents to learn more about the economic challenges and opportunities.

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