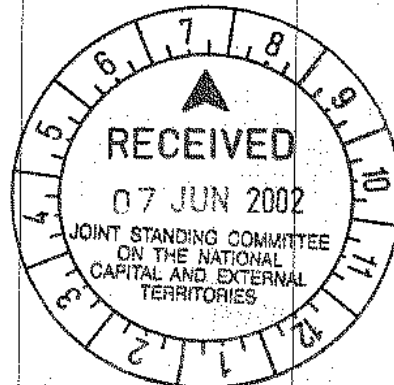


SUBMISSION 19

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Attention: Margaret Swieringa
Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on the
National Capital and External Territories
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Ms Swieringa,

I wish to submit further to my submission of last year.

A member of the Joint Standing Committee on Norfolk Island Electoral matters was under the impression that nurses and qualified staff could be a future problem for Norfolk Island as there is a shortage of nurses and staff in Australia, which is an ongoing problem. Regarding this so-called shortage of nurses and hospital personnel in Australia that therefore there could be a shortage on Norfolk Island.

The truth is that Norfolk Island has never had a difficulty in obtaining Hospital staff. The reason being:

- a. It is a safe place to work.
- b. It has a unique history
- c. It is a unique Island
- d. Norfolk Island has everything to offer regarding the social environment, bowls, tennis, golf, bridge, gymnasium, etc.

Norfolk Island is in the fortunate position of having many residents that are qualified for Hospital duties, I feel that we do not have a problem regarding staffing the Norfolk Island Hospital in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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