

Thursday 21 May 2003

Senator Ross Lightfoot Chairman Joint Standing Committee on National Capital and External Territories Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir

## NORFOLK ISLAND GOVERNANCE INQUIRY

The committee of the Norfolk Island Public Service Association wish to place on record their comments relating to the above matter.

The association requests the committee to note the following:

The Norfolk Island Public Service Association feels that the current legislation should remain in place ie. the 3-year period of residency. Our reasons are that we feel the 'short term permit holders' living on Norfolk Island are not aware of Island politics and Island ways and culture', so are not in any position to be eligible to vote for, or be elected to, this House or for participating in a referendum.'

Yours faithfully

JAN CHRISTIAN Secretary