

Submission to the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories

Inquiry into local governance on Norfolk Island

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My name is David Bigg, I am a proud born and bred, 8th generation Quintal/Christian Norfolk Islander of Pitcairn decent.

I could go into great detail of each of your terms of reference on the future governance arrangements on Norfolk Island but the truth is, there will only ever be one positive outcome of governance for all Norfolk Island people who call this special Island home.

The return of "SELF GOVERNMENT" to Norfolk Island.

THE PEOPLE OF NORFOLK ISLAND MUST HAVE A DEMOCRATIC VOICE IN THEIR CHOICE OF FUTURE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH AN ACT OF "SELF DETERMINATION"

"OUR FUTURE OUR CHOICE"

IT IS NOW AND THE FUTURE GENERATIONS THAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE CHOICES MADE TODAY!

It is with great distress that I watch the downward spiral effect from the choices made on this community's behalf by people who come and go and don't understand what the meaning of "HOME LAND" is to the Norfolk Island people.

The resolution to a harmonious outcome for all Norfolk People is to give back the right to make choices that affect our Island and our future!

Yours Sincerely

David Bigg