



To The Joint Standing Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to be able to provide the following brief submission for consideration. The following submission fits within the terms of reference "REDRESSING BARRIERS TO TOURISM WITH REGARDS TO CRUISE SHIPS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE"

This submission covers the proposal and possibility of a third landing site on the western (Leeward) side of the Island being Jacobs rock.

I believe that one way to help our economy by means of more cruise ship visitations, more reliable freight discharge and to improve the overall safety of boating and marine activities on Norfolk Island would be to gain assistance and support to build a road down to Jacobs rock through the Selwyn reserve on the western side of the Island.

There is a natural rock platform at Jacobs rock that has deep water along side it that is protected and sheltered from Norfolk Islands prevailing winds. Not only would this guarantee more reliable cruise ship passenger discharge as well as sea freight for the Island it would greatly improve the safety when launching local watercraft for sea rescues, as well as provide more opportunities for our local tourist charter operators.

In order to get a road down to a landing at Jacobs Rock a considerable amount of rock would have to be moved. It is known that the rock quality on the west side of the island is excellent and I see this rock source as being vital for future infrastructure and building projects such as the airstrip resurface, roads and building projects. I also believe that the sale of this rock over time has the ability to fund the project.

A project like this would help the economy enormously by providing employment opportunities, rock supply, as other sources have been exhausted, and at the end of the project we would have a much needed third landing place that will create a positive impact on our tourism and helping the Island toward self sustainability.

I commend the commonwealth on the 13 million dollars committed to the Cascade pier upgrade that will greatly improve the facility itself and provide much needed short term stimulus to our economy but I do not believe it will address the underlying shipping problem with swell alongside the ship at anchor and with ships not being able to unload on the western (leeward) side of the Island.

Thanks again for the opportunity to provide the above submission.

Yours Faithfully,

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