

Submission for the Joint Standing Committee Inquiry into the Local Governance of Norfolk Island.
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I present this submission with the firm belief that the people of Norfolk Island deserve to be heard. I was born in Australia and have lived here on Norfolk Island for 47 years. My husband was a Norfolk Islander of Pitcairn Descent. I have closely followed the evolving political path of the island and have been impacted by the changes since 2015.

The current difficulties of general governance/finance for Norfolk Island have arisen because over since the dissolving of the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly, these issues have been established by people without the understanding of life on the island and the lack of essential local input.

I believe that Self-Government is essential for Norfolk Islands best interests so that a successfully managed community can thrive here.

The Preamble to the Norfolk Island Act must be re-instated in its entirety.