



# Norfolk Island Government Gazette

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NORFOLK ISLAND GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO. 9

Friday 11 March 2022

**PLANNING ACT 2002 (NI)**  
**SECTION 28F NOTICE**  
**DECLARATION IN RELATION TO A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT**

**Application No.:** SDDA 1/2022  
**Applicant:** Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications  
**Location:** Various Lots in Kingston  
**Proposed development:** *Sewerage systems:*  
 KAVHA Sewerage Scheme Stage 1

**Statement of reasons:**

Having considered the matters set out in section 28D of the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)* I am satisfied the proposal meets the requirements for declaration as significant for the following reasons:

1. The development is to establish or upgrade infrastructure of a type prescribed in the regulations, namely (*k*) *sewerage systems*.
2. The development has potential economic and community benefits. A reticulated sewerage system that collects sewage for disposal at the Sewerage Treatment Plant will contribute towards improvements to water quality in surface water, groundwater, beaches at Kingston and the Norfolk Marine Park and consequently reduce risks to public health potentially caused by contaminated soil and water.
3. The development has links with other developments, as it is Stage 1 of a project to connect all development in KAVHA to the reticulated sewerage network (Water Assurance Scheme).
4. The development is consistent with the objectives of the Norfolk Island Plan 2002 for areas designated as High Rural Conservation Value Preferred Dominant Land Use Area as it would contribute to improvements in natural and cultural values through reduced contamination of soil and water.
5. The development is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan and actions identified in the Operational Plan 2021-22 to protect water quality:
  - Strategic Direction 1 - An environmentally sustainable community*
    - *Objective 1 - Use and manage our resources wisely*
      - o *Protect and enhance our water quality*
      - o *Keep our waters around Norfolk Island sustainable for the enjoyment of future generation*

**Conditions:**

There are no conditions in relation to the declared significant development.

**Other information:**

After the Minister has made a declaration in relation to a significant development, the owner of the land, or a person permitted to do so, may make a development application to the General Manager of the Norfolk Island Regional Council in accordance with Parts 4 and 5 of the Planning Act.

The application must include information required by the Norfolk Island Plan 2002 or other enactment, an environmental impact statement and be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

If the application is accepted, a notice of development application must be displayed on or near the land. The General Manager is also required to publish a notice in the Norfolk Island Gazette inviting written public submissions to be lodged within a specified period of not less than 28 days. The application documents must also be made available for public inspection.

The General Manager is required to refer the application with their recommendations and any public submissions to the Minister.

Within 56 days of the application being made (the Minister may extend this up to 168 days) the Minister considers the application and makes a decision.

The Minister can either give development approval, refuse approval or refer the application back to the General Manager with directions. The applicant must be notified of any decision and a notice must also be published in the Norfolk Island Gazette within 14 days.

Dated: 8 March 2022

ERIC HUTCHINSON  
ADMINISTRATOR OF NORFOLK ISLAND AND  
DELEGATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH MINISTER

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NO 2/22**  
**DEBT COLLECTION**

Norfolk Island Regional Council has some 1,877 rateable properties, with assessments totalling \$1.3M per annum. Council also issues many thousands of invoices per annum in relation to electricity, telephone and other Council services.

Council requires the services of a suitably qualified and experienced Debt Recovery Service Provider to assist in the collection of Council's outstanding rates & other debts. Expressions of interest are invited by Council for the provision of debt recovery services for a period of 12 months (or as negotiated) commencing April 2022.

**INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Interested Parties are requested to provide relevant information about themselves or their organisation, including (but not limited to) –

- Experience with Local Government debt recovery
- Availability of in-house legal advice
- Your collection methodology specifying each step in the recovery process including compliance with underlying legislation
- Schedule of fees and commissions for each step of the recovery process
- Your proposed reporting mechanism back to Council on activities undertaken and results achieved
- Membership of Peak Body or Association
- Details of any quality assurance process you have in place including a copy of your Conflict of Interest Policy
- Your invoicing terms and conditions
- Details of at least two referees

**Application to be marked:** Debt Collection EO1 2/22  
**Closing date:** 4pm Friday 1 April 2022  
**Submissions:** Application must be made via email to - Email: [regionalcouncil@nirc.gov.nf](mailto:regionalcouncil@nirc.gov.nf)

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact Council's Manager Corporate & Finance Paul Martin on [paul.martin@nirc.gov.nf](mailto:paul.martin@nirc.gov.nf) or by phoning 22001 EXT 104.

NIRC reserves the right to not accept any expressions of interest.

Dated: 11 March 2022

ANDREW ROACH  
GENERAL MANAGER

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