

Commonwealth announces the abolition of Self Governance on Norfolk Island

Assistant Minister Briggs announced this week that the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly and Self Governance are to be abolished and to be replaced by a Regional Council model.

It was disappointing the Commonwealth has chosen not to embrace our preferred model of Territory Self Governance when the costing of that model was identified as less cost to the Australian taxpayer than the Regional Council model.

However, this announcement clears the uncertainty around the timing on the introduction of the Australian Health, Welfare and Taxation systems to Norfolk Island.

There are a number of issues that are still to be clarified in relation to the transitional Advisory Council; transition to the Australian Health, Welfare, Taxation systems and other matters that need to be addressed with the Commonwealth.

Accordingly, today the Norfolk Island Government met with the Administrator to raise a number of questions on the transitional processes and requested the Terms of Reference for the transitional Advisory Council, which would enable all members of the Norfolk Island community considering participation on that Council to fully understand the Council's role in the transitional process.

The Legislative Assembly will meet on Tuesday of next week to discuss these issues and other relevant matters.

*Lisle Snell, Chief Minister
Date 20/03/2015*

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John Wilson Menzies

It is with sadness with announce the passing of John Wilson Menzies son of George (Simon) and Georgina Menzies.

John passed away at 7pm on Monday 16 March 2015 at Liverpool hospital and will be sadly missed by his Family .

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