

**Letters to the Editor - continued**

Dear Sir,  
Points of interest.

In order to avoid criticism on the fact that Norfolk Island was without doubt a NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY, the Australian Government, with indecent haste, passed the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*, as the Australian Government were to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights early in 1980.

- (i). The rapacious dismissal of the properly elected Government of Norfolk Island in 2016 was based on the greed and self-interest of Canberra. As the recently released Australian Government Cabinet papers revealed, their main reasons for this rapacious act were:
  1. Norfolk Island’s strategic importance to Australia’s sphere of influence in the Pacific,
  2. For Australia’s national and defense purposes,
  3. To access our E.E.Z, our fishing and potential oil / mineral resources contained therein and
  4. The importance of the island’s convict history to Australia’s national heritage and culture.

In their efforts to ethnically cleanse Norfolk Island, the Australian Government announced that it would remove the following words from the preamble to the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*.

- (ii). “AND WHEREAS the residents of Norfolk Island include descendants of the settlers from Pitcairn Island: AND WHEREAS the Parliament recognizes the special relationship of the said descendants with Norfolk Island and their desire to preserve their traditions and culture....”

DIRDC (The Australian Department) revealed the reason for perfidious removal of these words in their briefing to the Australian Minister prior to her visit to Norfolk Island 2018.

- (iii). “The preamble was repealed from the *Norfolk Island Act 1979* by the Australian Government in 2015 as it was considered to be necessary step for cultural inclusion, and disengagement of the Pitcairn stronghold and cultural exclusion that had previously occurred.” DIRDC 2018.
- (iv). On re-reading the second debate in the Australian House of Representatives’ Hansard of 4th April 1979, I see that the term ‘Indigenous People of Norfolk Island’ was mentioned no less than seven times when referring to the Pitcairners of Norfolk Island.

There can be no rapprochement until our colonial overlords admit their perfidious actions.

- (i) Submission to the Australian Government Cabinet by Alex Somlyay. December 1987.
- (ii) *Norfolk Island Act 1979*
- (III) DIRDC briefing paper to Minister Sussan Ley prior to her 2018 visit to NI.
- (iv) Australian House of Representative Hansard April 1979.

Yours sincerely,  
Ric Robinson.

*Vale*

**Patirck George Shiels**

Patrick passed away peacefully at Coffs Harbour Base Hospital on 26th February 2020, aged 74 years.

Patrick was the son of Jessie Blanche Roseclear Snell and Patrick Shiels Snr, and the younger brother of Zena.

Fortunately Zena, their sister Betty, brother John and Patrick’s son Adam were able to spend his last few hours with him, and they thank his wonderful wife Sandra, forever by his side and during 10 long years of dialysis.

Farewell ‘Boy’, awus brud.



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