

Administration of Norfolk Island

Revenue Review Project

The Island

Lying 1600 kms north east of Sydney, historic Norfolk Island is one of the most scenic and popular tourist destinations in the region. With a mild sub-tropical climate, Norfolk Island offers an inviting and relaxed lifestyle.

The community is committed to conserving its natural heritage and providing a safe, vibrant and sustainable environment for its residents and visitors. The Island has approximately 2,000 residents and is visited by about 35,000 tourists each year.

The Government and Administration

Norfolk Island's Legislative Assembly has 9 Members and successfully engages business and the community in a partnership that is guiding the future of the Island.

The government currently includes the following Ministries:

- Chief Minister and Minister for Intergovernment Relations
- Minister for Finance
- Minister for Community Services and Tourism
- Minister for Land and the Environment

Under the direction of the government, the Administration of Norfolk Island provides a large and diverse range of services and public utilities similar to those covering all three tiers of government on the mainland. The Administration has a staff of 200 and a consolidated budget of \$23,000,000.

The Revenue Review

The Norfolk Island Government is committed to ensuring a prosperous and financially secure future for the Territory.

In 2003, on behalf of the Norfolk Island Government, the Australian Commonwealth Treasury prepared a report titled *Taxation Options for Norfolk Island*.

Having carefully considered this report, the Norfolk Island Government has requested a detailed examination (including community consultation) of **indirect taxation** options. Depending on issues raised during the progress of this examination, the Government may consider other revenue options. A copy of the report is available at <http://www.gov.nf/tenders/>.

Other Relevant Documents

Copies of the following documents, which are also relevant, are available at <http://www.gov.nf/tenders/>.

- 2002/2003 Annual Report of the Administration of Norfolk Island
- 2002/2003 Financial Statements of the Administration of Norfolk Island
- 2001 Norfolk Island Census

A copy of the 1997 Commonwealth Grants Commission report on Norfolk Island is available on the Commission's web-site at <http://www.cgc.gov.au/>

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