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NORFOLK ISLAND VS COMMONWEALTH TAKEOVER THE PRO'S & CONS QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ARE THERE ANY IS THERE A RIGHT TO REPLY? CONCERNED RESIDENT THESE CONCERNS THE NORFOLK ISLAND GOVERNMENT ARE WELL AWARE OF BY THE MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS. I SUBMIT MY THOUGHTS FOR YOUR PERUSAL:

FIRST THE COMMONWEALTH PROPOSAL TO TAKE OVER THE AREAS GRANTED TO NORFOLK IN 1979 NORFOLK ISLAND ACT

**PROPOSED AREAS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR:**

CUSTOMS EDUCATION IMMIGRATION COMMUNITY SERVICES:

THESE SERVICES ARE ALL THE THE AREAS THAT MAKE UP SELF GOVERNMENT TO LOSE THESE ALTOGETHER WILL DEPROVE NORFOLK ISLAND OF ANY POWER WHATSOEVER: THE NORFOLK ISLAND ACT AND THE UNITED NATIONS STANCE ON PEOPLE WITH A DISTINCT LANGUAGE AND CULTURE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION, ANYBODY ORGANIZATION GOVERNMENT; IS REMINDED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS THAT THE GENERAL RECOMMENDATION No 21: RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION AS 23/08/96 THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE SAYS, THE RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES IS A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. IT IS ENshrined IN ARTICLE 1 OF THE CHARTER OF UNITED NATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL & CULTURAL RIGHTS AS WELL AS IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS. THE COVENANT ON CIVIL & POLITICAL RIGHTS PROVIDES FOR THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLES TO SELF DETERMINATION AS WELL AND BESIDES THE RIGHT TO ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS OR LINGUISTIC MINORITIES TO ENJOY THEIR OWN CULTURE, TO PROFESS & PRACTISE THEIR OWN RELIGION OR USE THEIR OWN LANGUAGE, NOTE THIS AREA IS NOT UNDER CHALLENGE AT THIS TIME.

UNDER SECTION 4 IN RESPECT TO SELF DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES TWO ASPECTS HAVE TO BE DISTINGUISHED. THE RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES HAS AN INTERNAL ASPECT, THAT IS TO SAY, THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLES TO PURSUE FREELY THEIR ECONOMIC SOCIAL & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT SIDE INTERFERENCE. IN THAT RESPECT THERE EXISTS A LINK WITH THE RIGHT OF EVERY CITIZEN TO BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT ANY LEVEL, AS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 5[C] OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION. IN CONSEQUENCE GOVERNMENTS ARE TO REPRESENT THE WHOLE POPULATION; THE EXTERNAL ASPECT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IMPLIES THAT ALL PEOPLES HAVE THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE FREELY THEIR POLITICAL STATUS; THE STANDING IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BASED UPON THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL RIGHTS & EXEMPLIFIED BY THE LIBERATION FROM COLONIALISM & BY THE PROHIBITION TO SUBJECT PEOPLES TO ALIEN SUBJUGATION ETC.

5 GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE SENSITIVE TO THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLES BELONGING TO ETHNIC GROUPS PARTICULARLY THEIR RIGHT TO LEAD LIVES OF DIGNITY, TO PRESERVE THEIR CULTURE WITH THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE IDENTITY OF SUCH PERSONS OR GROUPS.

6 SELF DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES & POSSESSING A GOVERNMENT REPRESENTING THE WHOLE OF THE PEOPLE BELONGING TO A TERRITORY SHOULD HAVE THEIR RIGHTS & EXPECTATIONS OR AND VIEWS UNILATERALLY RESPECTED AND NOT FRAGMENTED IN ANY WAY.

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**AREAS OF CONCERN: QUESTIONS****MEDICARE VERSES NORFOLK ISLAND MODIFIED & UPDATED MEDICAL CARE:**

MEDICARE IS NOT CHEAP ITS AS WELL AS TAX IF WE LOOK AND LISTEN TO ALL THE STATES COMPLAINING OF THE LACK OF DOCTORS SURGEONS ANTHEISTISTS ETC WHAT CHANCE DOES NORFOLK HAVE AS A ISOLATED ARE A UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH SYSTEM?? PHARMACEUTICALS THE PUBLIC WOULD BE DISADVANTAGED OVERALL IN BUYING THEIR MEDICINE UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH HAVING TALKED WITH ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT CHEMISTS EMPLOYED AT THE LOCAL HOSPITAL STATING A PATIENT TAKING BLOOD PRESSURE TABLETS WOULD FIND THAT THE TABS WOULD RISE IN PRICE AND A SIMPLE BOTTLE OF PARACETAMOL FOR CHILDREN BROUGHT OF THE SHELF NOW WOULD BE SUBJECT TO A DOCTORS VISIT AND PRESCRIPTION TO ATTAIN MAKING WHAT IS ALREADY EXPENSIVE AND THAT THE SAME FOR A PARTICULAR BRAND OF FLU TABS WOULD ALSO INCUR THE SAME PENALTY IF THESE AREAS ARE A REALITY THEN THIS SHOULD BE DETAILED AND MADE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THAT MEDI CARE IS NOT ALL FREE!![NO FREE LUNCH EH!]

**AIRLINE**

THE NORFOLK GOVERNMENTS FUNDING OF A AIRLINE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO BRING TOURISM OUT OF THE DOLDRUMS IS UNREALISTIC IF WE LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE IT A MONUMENTAL MISTAKE NORFOLK ISLAND IS STUCK WITH THE CHARTER BUSINESS AS THE ONLY WAY OF GETTING TOURISTS ON TO N.I.s. THERE IS NO LONG TERM OUTLOOK LET ALONE SHORT TERM OUTLOOK OF THE NORFOLK GOVERNMENT RUN A AIRLINE OR BEING ABLE TO FIND A SUITABLE OPERATOR WHO WISHES TO OPERATE A COMMERCIAL SERVICE TO THE ISLAND IN THEIR OWN RIGHT. THIS LACK OF A COMMERCIAL INTEREST IN OPERATING A REASONABLE SERVICE TO THE ISLAND. THE REALITY IS NO OPERATOR IS OR APPEARS INTERESTED !!!THIS MUST BE A DRAIN ON ISLAND RESOURCES AND THE ELECTORATE SHOULD BE FULLY MADE AWARE TO THE LIABILITY OF THE NORFOLK ISLAND TO BE CAPABLE FINANCIALLY TO SUSTAIN THIS INTO THE LONGTERM FUTURE WITH EXPANSION FOR TOURISTS NUMBERS UP TO 50,000 AND BEYOND OVER THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS IS TOTALLY BLEAK. OUR WELLBEING AS A DESTINATION HAS HUGE RAMIFICATIONS OVER THE LONG TERM IT WILL TAKE COMMITMENT AND HARD SELLING TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO: ESPECIALLY NORFOLK RELYING ON A CARRIER [AIR NAURU] WITH A DISRUPTIVE PAST RECORD, HAS HAD MEDIUM TO LONG TERM EFFECTS ON NORFOLKS TOURIST INDUSTRY WITH RESPECT FROM THE WHOLESALERS TRAVEL AGENTS ETC. WE HAVE A BEAUT PACKAGE BUT OTHERS]PLAYERS] HAVE MADE IT HARD TO BE IMPLEMENTED ETC. HOW LONG OR HOW MUCH BEFORE WE IMplode??

GAMING GIVE THE CLUBS POKER MACHINES & KENO AND REAAP THE TAX BROTHERS KEEPER WORRYS CAN BE ALLIED WITH A PERCENT SET ASIDE WITH THE AID OF COUNCILLOR ALREADY WE HAVE PLAYERS TAKING SCRATCHIES AND TATTSLOTTO DOLLARS AND PROFITS OFF ISLAND AND THE COMMONWEALTH REAPING THE TAX FROM OUR GAMING MONIES ITS ABOUT TIME WE STOPPED BURYING OUR HEADS AND MOVED WITH THE TIMES SOME OF THE LACK OF ADVANCES. WILL ONLY SEE THESE THINGS HAPPEN UNDER COMMONWEALTH JURISTRICKION ANYWAY AND WE WILL LOOK BACK AND SAY IF ONLY WE HAD FORDVISION??

NOT ONLY MOBILES]

GAMING LICENCES ARE ONLY NOW STARTING TO BRING RETURNS. FORWARD PROJECTIONS LOOK GOOD WITH ONE LOCAL COMPANY EXPANDING INTO A WORLD MARKET IS THIS ALL TO BE BROUGHT TO A CLOSE VIS A VIS COMMONWEALTH. FORWARD PROJECTIONS SUGGEST POSSIBLY AN EVENTUALLY NORFOLK GAMING WOULD COLLAPSE DUE TO C/WEALTH CORPERATE TAX STRUCTURES ETC.[WHAT ABOUT THE INCOME NORFOLK CAN ACHIEVE FROM THIS LUCRATIVE BUSINESS WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE MORE OF THE GAMING HOUSES TO OUR SHORES ITS MORE ACHIEVABLE THAN OFF SHORE BANKING??

MAIL-ORDER RIGHTS AS AT PRESENT RESTRICTED WE HAVE A BUSSINESS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING INCOME TO NORFOLK ISLAND THROUGH MAILORDER WHICH WAS JUST SHUT OUT WITH THE STROKE OF A PEN THIS BYLAW SHOULD BE REVOKED WITH FORCEFUL ARGUMENT THIS IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FORMAL SUBMISSION.

**ELECTRICAL REBATE? FUEL [SUBSIDY]?**

FROM A MULTINATIONAL OIL COMPANY OWNING SHORE STORAGE FACILITIES TO A LOCAL MANOPLY OWNING FUEL DEPOT. WILL RESIDENTS BE AT MERCY OF ?

ELECTRICAL: FUTURE NATURAL ELECTRICAL BASE, WIND SOLAR WAVE DEISEL GENERATION COMBINED? SOURCE??

**SHIPPING**

THE LONG TERM VIABILITY OF GARGO DISCHARGE METHODS?

THE UNLOADING OF THE BARGE AT BALL BAY SHOWS WHAT A MEDIUM TO LOW COST PIER WOULD DO FOR UNLOADING CARGO IT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO WEATHER ALSO BUT PERHAPS ALITTLE LESS THAN LITERAGE OPERATIONS REALITY IS THE COST OF BUILDING 3 LITERS: THE CURRENT TEMP PIER WITH LETS LOOK AT THE AMOUNT BEING SPENT ON KINGSTON PIER WHAT COULD BE ACHIEVED AT BALL BAY? \$3MILLION HOWMUCH THAT ALL. ALOT LESS THAN 80 MILLIOMN CASCADE;

REALISTIC TERMS IN ADMINISTERING A COMMUNITY OF THIS SIZE WITH OUT CREATING NEPOTISM OR CRONYISM IN POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT SHOULD THE IDEAL BE 7% NOT—15% OF POPULATION ADMINISTERING OUR SDOLLAR

MAINTAIN ISLAND IDENTITY BASED ON FACT IDEOLOGY BASED ? NORFOLK ISLAND FIRSTLY IS A PLACE FOR ITS RESIDENTS ESPECIALLY THOSE DESCENDANTS OF PITCAIRN LINEAGE & WITH A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THIS SHOULD INCLUDE ALL RESIDENTS CALLING NORFOLK HOME. NORFOLK LANGUAGE IS RECOGNISED BY AND THROUGH THE GUIDENCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORIES ALONG WITH THE THE LINGUISTICS DEPARTMENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY LINGUISTS THE LATE DR RONALD C. LAYCOCK ASSISTED BY DR RAYMOND GODER ALSO PROFESSOR ABLY ASSISTED BY ANDRW PAWLEY PROFESSOR OF DEPARTMENT LINGUISTICS OF THE RSPAS. CLEARLY A DICTIONARY OF THE NORFOLK LANGUAGE IS IN RECOGNITION OF A DISTINCT PEOPLES, THIS ALONG WITH OTHER AREAS OF THE BILL WOULD HAVE OR SHOULD HAVE BEEN ENshrined IN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION BILL THAT HAS NEVER BEEN DRAFTED.

ARE THERE ALTERNATIVES THERE IS:!!! PUT THE BILL OF OUR CONSTITUTION INTO PLACE NOW. WE MUST RETAIN CUSTOMS & IMMIGRATION THIS AREA SHOULD BE RESISTED TO THE UTMOST. AUSTRALIAN OVERSEEING NORFOLK FOR A PERIOD OF 3-5 YEARS WITH A GRANT OF \$MILLION PER YEAR ALLOWING OUR EARNING CAPACITY TO BE INCREASED THROUGH THE COPERATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH

BE IT THAT TOURISM IS OUR BACKBONE WHETHER THE COMMONWEALTH TAKE OVER OR NOT THIS VITAL ARTERY TO N. ISLANDS SURVIVAL IF WE ARE NOT TO HAVE ANY CONTROL THE LONG TERM PROGNOSIS COULD VERY WELL BE A NIL DEVELOPMENT AND RELOCATION OF RESIDENTS TO AUSTRALIA NZ ETC.

INCOME TAX WHAT FORM ?

PEOPLE WITH 2-3-4 JOBS NOT BECAUSE THEY WANT EXTRA MONEY BUT BECAUSE THATS HOW NORFOLK WORKS THERE ARE ONLY SO MANY FULLTIME JOBS AND MANY SUPPLAMENT THERE INCOME BY WORKING IN SEVERAL PLACES WHAT EFFECT TAX ON THESE PEOPLE.? COMPOUSERY SUPERANUATION HOW TO APPLY BIG ASK.

CONSUMPTION TAX: THIS SHOULD BE INTRODUCED IMEADITLY AT 8-10% WITH CUSTOMS TAKE REDUCED TO A FLAT TAX OF 3-5%. FOOD MAYBE NSL FREE WHAT EFFECTS? GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE MOST OF THIS INFORMATION AFTER ALL THE TAX CONSULTANTS THAT HAVE BEEN TO NORFOLK OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS;

PAYROLL TAX?

VEHICLE REGISTRATION UNDER C/OMMONWEALTH

THIRD PARTY INSURANCE

CATTLE OFF ROADS FENCING GRASS CONTROL ETC

REMOTE ALLOWANCES INCLUDING TRAVEL DISCOUNTS

DEATH DUTIES HOW MUCH?

BURIAL FREE OR COST UNDER COMMONWEALTH SCHEME

COMPANY PAYROLL TAX LAND TAX, STAMP DUTIES:

TOURIST BUREAU GOVERNMENT FUNDED WHICH GOV

THERE ARE MANY AREAS THAT AFFECT PEOPLE IN MANY DIFFERING AREAS AWARENESS OF THE COST TO THEIR CURRENT DAILY LIFESTYLE IS A PRIORITY.

**SHIPPING PIERS INCOME EMPLOYMENT**

THE LONG TERM VIABILITY OF GARGO DISCHARGE METHODS"  
 THE UNLOADING OF THE BARGE AT BALL BAY HAS EMPHASISED HOW A MEDIUM TO LOW COST PIER BENEFIT THE ISLAND. A LOT OF MONEY! TAXPAYERS MONEY OUR MONEY HAS BEEN WASTED OVER THE YEARS. STARTING WAY BACK IN THE 1980s THROUGH 2005-6 WITH TEMP JETTIES SOMEWHERE IN THE VICINITY OF A MILLION DOLLARS JUST BULLDOZED AWAY WE MIGHT AS WELL INVITED EVERYMAN WOMAN AND CHILD TO A BONFIRE AND GIVEN THEM \$5,000 TO THROUGH ON THE FIRE BECAUSE THATS A REAL PARALLEL WHEN WE REALLY THINK HARD ABOUT WASTE. LETS LOOK AT THE KINGSTON PIER AND THE AMOUNT BEING SPENT SUM \$3,000,000 JUST MAKES CONCERNED PEOPLE THINK WHAT COULD WE AS LOCALS BUILD FOR THE SAME AMOUNT AT BALL BAY. THE GOVERNMENT THE VERY PEOPLE WE HAVE PUT IN PLACE TO REPRESENT US HAVE HAD BEFORE THEM A REASONABLE FEASIBLE PROPOSAL TO BUILD A JETTY GIVING NORFOLK A TRUE PORT STANDING WITH A REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF RECEIVING LARGE TONNAGE INTO THE MIDDLE OF THIS CENTURY, WITH SOME OF THESE POSSIBILITIES: MAINTAINCE WORK THAT COULD BE CONTRACTED ON PACIFIC SHIPPING FISHING VESSELS ETC USERS WITH EMPLOYMENT OF LOCALS IN SEVERAL FEILDS A REALITY, FISHING MARINE REPAIRS CRUISE SHIP DEMBARKTATIONS AND POSSIBLY MANUFACTURING OF DIVERSIFIED PRODUCTS A GOVERNMENT WITH VISION WOULD MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION IF THEY COULD AMND SOULD BE EMBARRASSED BEYOND OUR SHORES FOR NOT FORGING AHEAD WITH CONTRACTS AND WORKABLE STAGES OF NORFOLK'S CAPABILITIES. IT WOULD MEAN GETTING OFF THEIR RESPECTIVE HANDS AND LETTING THAT VISION GROW INTO EXPANDING NORFOLKS EXPERTISE.

**SECESSION**

THIS HAS BEEN TOUCHED ON LITELY BY ONE MEMBER. IF SECESSION IS TO BE DISCUSSED THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME FULL INVESTIGATION TO WHAT ADVANATGES ARE TRER TO THE COMMUNITY MORE OR LIKELY BETTER FOR THE COMMUNITY ETC! SECESSION TALK IS INVARIABLY POOH POOHED BY THE UNINFORMED OF WHAT IT WOULD OR COULD MEAN IGNORANCE CAN BE A TYPE OF SECURITY. AID IS AVAILABLE TO A PEOPLE PROPOSING THIS COURSE OF ACTION THERE IS THE INTERNATIONAL MONETRY FUND THE WORLD BANK TAIWAN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND AMERICA ENGLAND ETC WHO ALL CONTRIBUTE UNDER UNITED NATIONS GUIDENCE AUSTRALIA GIVING AID EACH YEAR TO PAPUA SOME \$300MILLION FIJI, SOLOMEN ISLANDS JUST RECEING ANOTHER \$65 MILLION AND MAKES YOU WONDER WERE CHARITY BEGINS. THE CASE FOR AND AGAINST HAS TO BE CLEARLY DEFINED IF ITS TO BE USED AS A BARGAINING CHIP. MANY THINGS HAVE TO BE WEIGHED NORFOLK PROBABLY OR NO DOUBT IS IN A HIGH POSITION WITH INFRASTRUCTURE ALREADY IN PLACE WE ARE NOT THIRD WORLD RELIANT BEING MORE SELF SUFFICIENT IN AREAS THAN MOST ALL OTHER SOUTH PACIFIC NATIONS WEHAVE BUL;K FUEL SUPPLY INSTANTALLION A AIRPORT RUNWAY WHICH IS BEING CURRENTLY UPGRADED INTO 2020 AND MANY OTHER RELEVANT INFRASTRUCTURE CAN BE BUILT ON A MODEL THAT IS MUCH ALONG THE LINES OF BELIZE JERSEY & BERMUDAS THAT IS IF WE WERE OUR OWN MASTERS FISHING RIGHTS ASSOCIATED SPIN OFF FROM FISHING NATIONS OIL?? UNDER THE NORFOLK RIDGE FAST BECOMMING ECONOMICALLY VIABLE TO DRILL FOR, BUSSINESS OFFSHORE BANKING ETC. BUT PROBERTY AND CONSULTATION WITH THE ELECTORATE IS A MUST IN ANY ENDEAVOUR UNDERTAKEN CLOSED GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS AS IMPORTRNT AS WHAT THE COMMONWEALTH IS PROPOSING THIS WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE. HAPPY TO HAVE PUT ANOTHER POINT OF VEIW TO OUR ASSEMBLY WISHING YOU TOUR MEMBERS ALL THE VERY BEST WITH THE PUSH TOWARDS A REWARDING NORFOLK ISLAND FUTURE WITHOUT SUBURBS OF WHAT WE SOULD BE LIKE.

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