

PRAYER

DEPUTY SPEAKER Honourable Members, we commence the sitting with the prayer of the Legislative assembly:

Almighty God we humbly beseech Thee to vouchsafe Thy blessing upon this House, direct and prosper our deliberations to the advancement of Thy glory and the true welfare of the people of Norfolk Island, Amen

APOLOGIES

Apologies are offered on behalf of Mr Ric Robinson and The Speaker, Mr David Buffett who has cut short his trip to the Pacific Arts Festival in Palau and is scheduled to return to Norfolk Island later today.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

Honourable Members, on Monday of this week the Norfolk Island community suffered the tragic death of our friend and colleague - The Honourable Ivens Buffett MLA, Minister of this Assembly - for Land & The Environment.

As a mark of mourning, today's sitting will be suspended, to reconvene on Wednesday 11th August 2004.

Formal condolences will be offered then.

Today - we offer profound sympathy to Ivens' family and friends.

Honourable Members I ask you to stand and pause for reflection.

Thank you.

This House stands suspended until 10.00 am on Wednesday 11th August 2004.