

**NORFOLK ISLAND  
FOURTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2014**

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FORTIINTH LEJESLIETEW 'SEMBLE  
WEDNESDAY 15 OKTOEBA 2014**

1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.01 am, and the Speaker, Hon David Buffett AM MLA, took the Chair and read Prayers

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Mr Evans recorded the passing of –

**RUSSELL HARROLD BEADMAN  
MARLENE PATRICIA CAMPION**

Speaker Buffett recorded the passing of –

**DR WILLIAM FERDINAND SHIJA**

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members stood in silence

3 **MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

The Speaker, Hon David Buffett, advised that a matter of public importance was lodged by the Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell, within the required time frame and the Speaker had determined that the matter was in order and read the written statement provided by the Chief Minister. All Members rose from their places to support the motion (Standing Order 81).

The Chief Minister led the discussion on the future model of governance for Norfolk Island, as a result of the outcomes from a meeting held in Adelaide on Wednesday, 8 October 2014 with the Hon Jamie Briggs, MP, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, who is the responsible Commonwealth Minister under the *Norfolk Island Act 1979* and all members discussed the matter of public importance

In accordance with Standing Order 82, the Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell moved –

**THAT discussion be now concluded.**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

4 **MOTION BY LEAVE**

**PROPOSED GOVERNANCE CHANGES TO NORFOLK ISLAND – REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION**

Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell, sought leave to move foreshadowed motion

Question – **THAT leave be granted** – put and agreed on the voices

Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell, moved -

**THAT this House:**

1. **Values the relationship that Norfolk Island has with the Commonwealth of Australia.**
2. **Reaffirms its commitment to the Norfolk Island Government's Preferred Model for Territory Self-Governance.**
3. **Calls on the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia that before voting on any Bill to change the governance arrangements for Norfolk Island**

established by the Norfolk Island Act 1979 of the Commonwealth, that the residents of Norfolk Island,

- (a) be provided with details and facts as to any proposed changes; and
- (b) be consulted to ensure a democratic, open and transparent say on the future model of governance for Norfolk Island.

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**5 MOTION BY LEAVE  
SPEAKER TO CONVEY MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE TO SPEAKER OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell, sought leave to move foreshadowed motion

Question – **THAT leave be granted** – put and agreed on the voices

Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell, moved -

**THAT this House resolves that the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island, should convey the Motion and the Statement of a Matter of Public Importance as noted and printed to the Honourable Speaker of the House of Representatives in Canberra requesting that the Honourable Speaker bring it to the attention of Members of the House of Representatives.**

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (10.18 AM)**

**5 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

- 1 Speaker Buffett - **Report under LA (Register of Members' Interests) Act 2004**
- 2 Mr Snell – **Norfolk Island Government Tourist Bureau Quarterly Report**
- 3 Mr Sheridan - **Land Administration Fees (Amendment) Regulations 2014**
- 4 Mr Sheridan - **Emergency Management Chairman's Annual Report**
- 5 Mr Sheridan – **GST Quarterly Report July-September 2014**
- 6 Mr Sheridan – **Customs Act 1913 - Duty Exemptions**
- 7 Mr Sheridan - **Financial Indicators for the Norfolk Island Hospital Enterprise**
- 8 Mr Sheridan - **Financial Indicators for the Norfolk Island Government Tourist Bureau**
- 9 Mr Sheridan - **Land Rates Bill 2014 / Riet Fe Laen Bil 2014 Explanatory Memorandum**
- 10 Mr Ward - **Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2014 / Traefik (Chienjen) Bil 2014 Explanatory Memorandum**

**6 STATEMENTS OF AN OFFICIAL NATURE**

The following statements were made –

- 1) Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, Ms Adams – **Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO NI's appreciation to retiring Governor of NSW**
- 2) Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, Ms Adams – **NIHE - Health needs in NI – Invitation to community engagement process**

**7 MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**

**Message No. 18** from the Administrator advising that on 2 October 2014, acting pursuant to section 21 of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*, he declared his assent to the following proposed law passed by the Legislative Assembly: **Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Act 2014 (Act No 10 of 2014)**

**Message No. 19** from the Administrator advising that on 2 October 2014, acting pursuant to section 21 of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*, he declared his assent to the following proposed law passed by the Legislative Assembly: **Public Service Act 2014** (Act No 11 of 2014)

**Message No. 20** from the Administrator advising that on 2 October 2014, acting pursuant to section 21 of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*, he declared his assent to the following proposed law passed by the Legislative Assembly: **Provident Account (Amendment) Act 2014** (Act No 12 of 2014)

**Message No. 21** from the Administrator advising that on 2 October 2014, acting pursuant to section 21 of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*, he declared his assent to the following proposed law passed by the Legislative Assembly: **Immigration (Amendment) Act 2014** (Act No 13 of 2014)

**Message No. 22** from the Administrator advising that on 2 October 2014, acting pursuant to section 21 of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*, he declared his assent to the following proposed law passed by the Legislative Assembly: **Immigration (Amendment No 3) Act 2014** (Act No 14 of 2014)

## NOTICES

### 8 CUSTOMS ACT 1913 - EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF CUSTOMS DUTY

Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan pursuant to notice moved –

**THAT, under subsection 2B(4) of the Customs Act 1913, this House recommends to the Administrator that the goods specified in column 1 of the Schedule imported by the person specified in column 2, and on the conditions mentioned in column 2 of the Schedule, be exempted from duty.**

<u>Column 1</u> <u>Goods</u>	<u>SCHEDULE</u> <u>Column 2</u> <u>Importer/conditions</u>
Uniforms - amount of duty applicable \$618.30	Norfolk Island Volunteer Rescue Squad Conditions: Nil
Six (6) Outrigger Canoes - amount of duty applicable \$1,296.00	Norfolk Island Wa'a Outrigger Club Inc Conditions: Nil
Uniform – Representative Jerseys - amount of duty applicable \$311.65	Norfolk Island Junior Rugby League Conditions: Nil
Laser Grader Blade - amount of duty applicable \$1440.00	Norfolk Island Bowling Club Conditions: Laser Grade Blade to be exported on completion of use

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

### 10 LAND RATES BILL 2014

#### RIET FE LAEN BIL 2014

Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan, pursuant to notice presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the levy of rates and charges on land and for related purposes and moved –

**THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle**

Debate ensued

- 9) **Paper tabled:** Mr Sheridan tabled the Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill  
Mr Sheridan moved –

**THAT debate be adjourned and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014**

**TRAEFIK (CHIENJEN) BIL 2014**

Minister for the Environment, Mr Ward, pursuant to notice presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Traffic Act 2010* and moved –

**THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle**

Debate ensued

10) **Paper tabled:** Mr Ward tabled the Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill

Mr Ward moved –

**THAT debate be adjourned and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

## **SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

The Speaker suspended the sitting of the House at 12.45 pm

## **RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

The Speaker took the Chair and resumed the sitting at 2.02 pm

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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### **ORDER OF THE DAY**

#### **2 THE HOUSEHOLD AND BUSINESS SURVEYS**

Resumption of debate (Mr Sheridan) from 17 September 2014 on the question – THAT the Paper be noted

#### **16 FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY**

Mr Nobbs moved –

**THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 19 November 2014 at 10 am**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

#### **17 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Evans moved –

**THAT the House do now adjourn**

Debate ensued with all Members participating

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**AND THEN the House at 3.12 pm adjourned until Wednesday 19 November 2014 at 10.00 am**

Gaye Evans  
**Clerk to the Legislative Assembly**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present