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### MEDIA RELEASE

#### **Building Code comments still sought**

The Minister for the Environment, the Hon Stephanie Jack MLA, has welcomed the feedback she has received to date about the content and impact of the Norfolk Island Building Code. She reminded the community that several issues were raised in a petition presented to the Legislative Assembly in March. The petition requested:

- 1. That the Building Codes on Norfolk Island be tailored to Norfolk Island conditions, customs and traditions and not to Australian standards as they are presently worded;*
- 2. That the current Development Application form be simplified and streamlined; and*
- 3. That the present process, which is complicated, cumbersome, expensive to the applicant, time consuming in process and creating unemployment in the private sector, be remedied.*

Mrs Jack said that some useful suggestions and comments had already been received from the public, and that she would welcome further feedback from the community about changes or improvements to the Building Code.

The Minister apologised that the information on how to access the Building Code previously published was not accurate. She said that details of the Building Code were available from the Administration Health, Building and Quarantine Office at the Airport (telephone 22609). The Building Code forms part of the *Building Regulations 2004*, and may be found in full on the Administration website at <http://www.info.gov.nf/legislation/NumberedRegs/2004>.

Mrs Jack said that she was seeking submissions or comments to be received by 10<sup>th</sup> May. These may be faxed to 23378, sent by email to [executives@assembly.gov.nf](mailto:executives@assembly.gov.nf), or mailed to:

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