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### MEDIA RELEASE

# GST and Import Duty refunds on solar power generation equipment

Minister for Finance Neville Christian said today that the Norfolk Island Government has been pleased that many householders have taken up the opportunity to purchase and install solar power generation equipment, with the ability for surplus power to be fed back into the electricity grid.

Mr Christian said that in accordance with a commitment made last year, householders who purchased complying equipment from local retailers or importers would be able to obtain a refund of Import Duty or Goods and Service Tax paid. He said that to obtain:-

#### The GST Refund

The purchaser should complete the GST application form and supply the following to the GST Office in Burnt Pine:

- A certificate from the Electricity Undertaking that the equipment has been installed and is operational; and
- An invoice and receipt from the local supplier showing the amount of GST actually paid on the purchase of the equipment.

Once the amount of the payment of GST has been verified, the Administration will make a recommendation to the Minister for an *ex gratia* payment of the amount and a refund will be issued.

#### The Import Duty Refund

The purchaser should complete the Duty application form and supply the following to the Customs Office in Burnt Pine:

- A certificate from the Electricity Undertaking that the equipment has been installed and is operational.

Unless this process is carried out, the full amount of Import Duty will be charged.

Neville Christian  
**Minister for Finance**

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