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Commonwealth rules hamper revenue raising: Minister

The Minister for Finance, Ron Nobbs, has informed the Norfolk Island community that following advice from Commonwealth Government representatives, issues with the Norfolk Sustainability Levy legislation are being addressed. The NSL Bill passed the Assembly on 19 April 2006.

“I am concerned at a basic flaw within the Norfolk Island governance arrangements which allows the Commonwealth of Australia to dictate the means of raising funds to pay for certain services provided by the Norfolk Island Government to its community”, Mr Nobbs said.

“It is concerning that whilst Norfolk Island pays for such services as education, social services, health and many more, approval to raise funds for provision of such services is at the whim and fancy of the Commonwealth Government.”

“ I thought that the Commonwealth would be pleased that the Norfolk Island community was in fact willing to pay for these services and the Commonwealth would support processes to achieve this, not the opposite. We live in strange times”, Mr Nobbs added.

Ron Nobbs
Minister for Finance

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