



THE GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND

MEDIA RELEASE

**Modern and affordable telecommunications for
Norfolk Island**

Significant reductions in the costs of international telecommunications have been achieved in a new tender accepted by Norfolk Island Government to replace the existing contract. A preferred tenderer has been identified and signing of a detailed contract is imminent. The new contract will guarantee greatly improved telecommunications services, with reductions of over 50% in the cost of international telephone calls without affecting Telecom's net revenue.

Part of the new arrangements will involve a new dish located in Burnt Pine, aimed at a second satellite and dedicated to internet services. Both this dish and the existing one at Anson Bay will be capable of performing all functions in the event that one satellite dish is out of service. The new arrangements will be upgraded to utilise C7 signalling instead of the current outdated C5 signalling. Norfolk Telecom and the Administration will be making more detailed announcements about the new contracts and costs in coming weeks.

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