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**More Toon Buffet Environment Trust grants on offer**

The Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, the Hon Stephanie Jack MLA, announced today that applications are being invited from the Norfolk Island community for the second round of grants to be issued by the trust established to honour the memory of the late Ivens (Toon) Buffett.

Mrs Jack said that the successful operation of the Ivens F (Toon) Buffett Environmental Trust was an outstanding example of cooperation between the Commonwealth and Norfolk Island Governments. She said that all of the grant funding had been made available by the Commonwealth after it decided to donate all the proceeds from the sale or conversion of Commonwealth crown leasehold land to the Toon Trust to pay for environmental works in Norfolk Island.

“I acknowledge the generosity of the Commonwealth”, Mrs Jack said. “In particular, I wish to thank the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, the Hon Jim Lloyd MP, for his wholehearted support of this project in memory of Toon”.

The Trust has invited members of the community to lodge applications for grants of up to \$25,000. Activities, which can be considered for funding, which must not be existing projects, include initiatives relating to environmental protection, heritage protection, natural resources management and land management.

Mrs Jack said that grants for a wide range of activities would be considered. These might include projects such as native vegetation planting to stabilise soil or control active erosion or initiatives to protect habitats, to manage access to coastal areas, or to improve public reserves.

The Trust has produced detailed funding guidelines and a list of eligible activities. Full details and application forms for grants are available from the Conservator, Fred Howe, at the Land Use and Environment Office, 11 Quality Row. Mr Howe can also be contacted by telephone on 23588 or by email on [fhowe@admin.gov.nf](mailto:fhowe@admin.gov.nf). Applications for funding close at 4.30 p.m. on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

Stephanie V Jack  
**Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare**

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