



## **THE GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **GST review announced**

Minister for Finance Neville Christian announced today that he has initiated a comprehensive review of the operation and effectiveness of the Norfolk Island Goods and Services Tax.

“When I introduced the 2006/07 budget, I said that commencing around the end of September 2007 there would be a review of the revenue impacts of the GST and subsequently of the expenditure programmes of the Norfolk Island Government”, Mr Christian said. “That review has now commenced, and at the same time we will comprehensively review all aspects of the operation of the GST, with a view to fine-tuning of the legislation, regulations and administrative procedures. The overall aim is to ensure that compliance with the GST is as simple as possible for businesses and that there is sufficient assistance and information available to anyone who needs it”.

Mr Christian said that to date, the GST had been well accepted by the community and had largely achieved the goals of simplifying overall revenue structures through the abolition and reduction of several taxes and stabilising government revenues. The community had already made a number of suggestions for improvement in GST legislation and procedures, and he now invited any interested person, business or organisation to make written submissions on the modification of the GST aimed at improving efficiency and effectiveness.

Mr Christian said that the full text of the *Good and Services Tax Act 2007*, together with a wide range of information on the operation of the GST, including remittance procedures and GST forms, could be found at the GST website on <http://www.gst.gov.nf/>.

Written submissions about the GST should be directed to Shelly LeCren at the GST Office, PO Box 994 or email [shellylecren@admin.gov.nf](mailto:shellylecren@admin.gov.nf) or to the Secretary to Government (Peter Maywald) at the Legislative Assembly [pmaywald@assembly.gov.nf](mailto:pmaywald@assembly.gov.nf). Closing date for submissions is 4.30 p.m. on Friday 19th October 2007.

Neville Christian  
**Minister for Finance**

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