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REFERENDUM ACT 1964 REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION

“Should the people of Norfolk Island have the right to freely determine their political status, their economic, social and cultural development and be consulted at referendum or plebiscite on the future model of governance for Norfolk Island before such changes are acted on by the Australian Parliament? - YES or NO”

CALL FOR STATEMENTS

Under section 11 of the *Referendum Act 1964*, a group of electors who are in favour of the above question being adopted may submit a statement for the Speaker's approval for distribution to the electors. Similarly, a group of electors who oppose the adoption of the above question may also submit a statement for the Speaker's approval for distribution to the electors. The purpose of such statement is —

- (a) to allow the presentation of arguments for and against the question to be put to each elector; and
- (b) to allow each elector to make an independent and informed judgment on the question.

Statements for and statements against are now invited to be lodged. Those groups with common viewpoints should combine their statements so that there is only one statement for, and one statement against to be circulated. Such statements must be submitted to the Speaker **no later than 5 pm Wednesday 15 April 2015**.

Dated 27 March 2015

DAVID E. BUFFETT
SPEAKER

REFERENDUM ACT 1964

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly has directed a referendum be held to ascertain the opinion of electors. I, Yvon Adams, Returning Officer appointed under section 11 of the *Legislative Assembly Act 1979*, and for the purposes of section 3 of the *Referendum Act 1964* (“the Act”), hereby notify under section 9 of that Act —

- (a) the question on which the opinion of the electors is to be ascertained is —

“Should the people of Norfolk Island have the right to freely determine their political status, their economic, social and cultural development and be consulted at referendum or plebiscite on the future model of governance for Norfolk Island before such changes are acted on by the Australian Parliament? - YES or NO”
- (b) the method of voting on the question shall be by marking the ballot paper “YES” or “NO”;
- (c) the day for closing the electoral roll is Thursday 9 April 2015;
- (d) the day for polling is Friday 8 May 2015; and
- (e) the method by which votes shall be counted shall be in accordance with sections 21, 22 and 23 of the *Referendum Act 1964*.

Dated 27 March 2015

YVON FRENCH
RETURNING OFFICER

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ACT 1979
ELECTORAL ROLL for REFERENDUM

ARE YOU ENROLLED ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL? If you are not enrolled, you will not be eligible to vote at the Referendum to be held on Friday 8 May 2015.

The roll will close at 5.00 pm on Thursday 9 April 2015. Enrolment is compulsory.

Qualifications for enrolment, in summary, are as follows:

- (a) you must have attained the age of 18 years;
- (b) be an Australian citizen; and
- (c) have been ordinarily resident in Norfolk Island for 6 months immediately preceding the application.

If you are a student under the age of 25 years, and you have been absent from Norfolk Island for the sole or principal purpose of undergoing full-time vocational training or full-time education, you may qualify for enrolment.

Application forms for enrolment may be obtained at the Post Office and the Customs House in the Bi-Centennial Complex, Taylor's Road.

Further enquiries by persons wishing to check if they are on the roll need to be directed to the Immigration Officer, David Rodgers during business hours on phone 22140 extension 210 or by attending the Immigration Office at the Bi-Centennial Complex, Burnt Pine.

Dated 27 March 2015

JON GIBBONS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
