

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **POSTAL SERVICES REGULATIONS 2013**

The proposed *Postal Services Regulations 2013* repeal the *Postal Services Regulations 1994* and prescribe charges only for internal post. Section 15 of the *Postal Services Act 1983*, provides that in default of regulations otherwise prescribing, the charges made by the Board of Directors of Australia Post under section 32 of the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989* of the Commonwealth will apply in Norfolk Island. The proposed regulations have the effect of applying these charges by not prescribing any and will bring Norfolk Island charges for external mail in line with current charges made by Australia Post. The proposed *Postal Services Regulations 2013* will commence on gazettal and have effect from 1 June 2013.

The subject-matter of this submission relates to matters in respect of which the Ministers of the Legislative Assembly have executive authority specified in Schedule 2 to the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*, namely Item 36: Postal services.

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