



**I hereby give notice that  
an Extraordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:**

**Date: Friday, 8 September 2017**  
**Time: 4:00pm**  
**Location: Norfolk Island Regional Council Chambers**

**BUSINESS PAPER**  
**Extraordinary Council Meeting**  
**8 September 2017**

*Besnes Piepa*  
*f daa Ekstrordeneri Kaunsl Miiten*  
*orn 8 Septemba 2017*

**Lotta Jackson**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**Statement of Respect:**

*The Norfolk Island Regional Council promotes a climate of respect for all. We will endeavour to inspire in our community shared civic pride by valuing and protecting our unique culture and environment, both natural and built, for the current and future generations. We, the elected members and staff of the Norfolk Island Regional Council undertake to act with honesty and integrity, to conduct ourselves in a way that engenders trust and confidence in the decisions we make, and the actions we take on behalf of the Norfolk Island community. We acknowledge the Norfolk Island people, the traditional custodians of this Island.*

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### 5.1 EMBARKING AND DISEMBARKING PASSENGER CHARGE

**Author:** John McCoy, Deputy Mayor

#### SUMMARY

The purpose of the Extraordinary meeting of Council (called by Councillors McCoy and Snell) is to conduct a committee of the whole to allow councillors to discuss the following proposed recommendation:

*“Following the adoption by Council of the fees and charges in the Operational Plan 2017-18, Council has requested the Commonwealth to prepare an Ordinance to amend the Airport Regulations 1992 (Norfolk Island) to increase the basic charge for each embarking and disembarking passenger on regular passenger transport services to \$45.00.*

*Council hereby requests -*

- 1) That the Ordinance provide the proposed increase to the basic charge for each embarking and disembarking passenger on regular passenger transport services come into effect as follows:
  - a) the basic charge between Australia and Norfolk Island come into effect on 1 January 2018; and*
  - b) to assist in the stimulation of the tourism market between New Zealand and Norfolk Island the basic charge between Norfolk Island and New Zealand come into effect no earlier than 1 September 2018; and**
- 2) The Mayor as a matter of urgency conveys this request to Minister Nash.”*

#### BACKGROUND

Tourism is Norfolk Island’s core industry. The route between Norfolk and New Zealand has suffered a major decline due to the public press about Air New Zealand withdrawing its service on that route effective 27 May 2017. Notwithstanding that a new airline has now commenced a new service on this route it is acknowledged that the Council’s marketing campaign to let the public know that there was a new carrier on the route did not commence until July/August. It is essential that Council assist in the stimulation of the Tourism market between New Zealand and Norfolk Island and to this end we are of the view that Council not increase the landing charges on the New Zealand route any earlier than 1 September 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**6 CLOSE OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**