

**NORFOLK ISLAND
TENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CEREMONIAL SITTING
TO MARK 25TH ANNIVERSARY
THURSDAY 18 AUGUST 2004**

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THURSDI 18 ORGAS 2004**

- 1 The Legislative Assembly met at 3.00 pm, the Speaker (Hon David E. Buffett AM) took the Chair
- 2 **HIS HONOUR THE ADMINISTRATOR RECEIVED IN CHAMBER**
Preceded by the Clerk, His Honour the Administrator Hon E.T Tambling was received in the Chamber by Members standing in their places
- 3 **MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, TERRITORIES AND ROADS IN THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE HON R.J. ELLICOTT QC RECEIVED IN CHAMBER**
Preceded by the Deputy Clerk, the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, the Hon. Jim Lloyd MP, and Hon R.J. Ellicott QC were received in the Chamber by Members standing in their places, and took their seats on the floor of the House
- 4 **PRAYERS**
Prayers were read by Reverend John Reed
- 5 **WELCOME BY SPEAKER**
The Speaker welcomed the dignitaries, guests and Members
- 6 **OPENING ADDRESS BY CHIEF MINISTER**
The Chief Minister Hon G.R. Gardner gave an overview of the Assembly's achievements since its inauguration on 10 August 1979 and paid tribute to former Members; to the many other people who have supported self government over the past 25 years, including the membership of the Public Service, the Members of this community that have played an important role on the boards, committees and statutory authorities established by Norfolk Island legislation and the community as a whole
- 7 **ADDRESS BY HON R.J. ELLICOTT QC**
The Hon R.J. Ellicott QC, the architect of self government for Norfolk Island when Federal Minister with responsibility for Norfolk Island affairs in 1979, addressed Members; reflecting on the processes leading up to the introduction of self government in 1979 for Norfolk Island, and offering congratulations on what has been achieved by the Island in the past 25 years. He went onto record for posterity the basic principles of self government which are essential to the advancement of self government in Norfolk Island
- 8 **ADDRESS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, TERRITORIES AND ROADS**
The Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, the Hon Jim Lloyd MP, acknowledged the twenty five years of self government for Norfolk Island, recording the uniqueness of the level of self government provided to Norfolk Island and the range of powers and functions entrusted to the Legislative Assembly – local, state and federal powers – and complimenting the successive Legislative Assemblies in developing over the past twenty five years a significant body of law along with the ability to deal with the breadth of issues over which they have had carriage

9 ADDRESSES BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Members – Minister for Finance Hon G. Donaldson, Mrs V. Jack, Mr R. Nobbs, Ms C. Nicholas, Mr R Robinson and Mr J Brown - in turn addressed the Assembly, reflecting on the processes of self-government; the intent of the Norfolk Island Act 1979 and whether or not it continues to serve the community well today; the Island's ongoing working arrangements with the Commonwealth Government and how those arrangements can be improved and the achievements of the Assembly and the Norfolk Island community over the past twenty five years

16 ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4.25 pm until 2 pm on Thursday 19 August 2004

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present