



# Norfolk Island Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

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## **Norfolk Island Regional Council Request for Commonwealth grant funding assistance**

Dear Madam Mayor,

The Chamber refers to discussions held with you today in relation to funding requests presented to the Commonwealth government by the Norfolk Island Regional Council. In that meeting you stated you hoped to inform the community before the end of this week (Friday 4 August 2017) that hopefully these funds had been approved.

As mentioned the Chamber has asked the question previously - what if the funding is not approved then what will the Norfolk Island Regional Council do? At the public meeting held several months ago the same question was asked of the General Manager whereby the public were informed consideration will be given to bank loans.

If Council does not receive the funding assistance requested then the Chamber believes it is imperative that, before any decisions are made by Council to look at borrowing and especially in relation to use of Council's assets the Norfolk Island community must be consulted. The Council has a responsibility to the Norfolk Island community to ensure full disclosure of facts and all information is given to the public before any decision can be made by the Norfolk Island Regional Council.

The Chamber looks forward to receiving notice of the funding request.

Yours sincerely

Norfolk Island Chamber of Commerce Committee

CC via Email:

Cr Rob Buffett, Cr John McCoy, Cr Dave Porter, and Cr Lisle Snell of the Norfolk Island Regional Council