



## **The Hon Sussan Ley MP**

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**Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories  
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### **Keeping the Norfolk Island Community Updated**

Dear residents

As part of my regular update, I am pleased to announce that passenger airline services will be expanded to provide year-round, twice-weekly return flights between Brisbane and Norfolk Island.

This means from mid-2019, instead of flights reducing to once a week, there will be two return flights through the winter period.

I want to thank the Mayor and Norfolk Island Regional Council for their advocacy for this change, which will offer more flight choices for residents, boost tourism and provide even greater economic opportunities for the Island.

Guided by advice from your Council, the Australian Government will continue to explore options to provide additional air services.

You may also be aware of changes recently made to Norfolk Island laws covering apprehended violence to protect a broader range of people than previously.

The old law only covered people who were in domestic relationships, with changes now allowing an individual who has 'reasonable grounds' to fear personal violence from another person to apply for a protection order.

The application process has also been simplified, so it is possible for both people fearing violence and the Norfolk Island Police Force to apply for protection orders. The new law also means domestic violence orders registered or granted in the rest of Australia will automatically be recognised on Norfolk Island.

We are also continuing to work on a Vocational Educational Training strategy for the Island, with the intention of having financial support available for eligible students from 01 January 2019. I hope to have more information about this package in coming weeks.

May I finish with a reminder that since the opening of NI-Connect in July 2018, a number of free child and family wellbeing activities and services are being delivered at this new community facility. I encourage you to check out the resources and activities if you haven't already done so.

I am close to finalising dates for my first trip to Norfolk Island. As Assistant Minister, I look forward to meeting as many members of the community as possible.

As always, you are welcome to contact the Administrator's office should you have any questions or concerns, or a particular matter on which you would like an update.

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