



# GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNISATION (1838 CONSTITUTION) INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

The General Assembly of the Government of Norfolk Island has established the Select Committee on Constitutional Modernisation to lead a community-based process to review and modernise the 1838 Constitution while preserving the constitutional foundations, traditions, and identity of the Norfolk Island People.

The Committee has been established following resolution of the General Assembly on 30 May 2026 and forms part of the Government's commitment to constitutional continuity, direct democracy, public participation, and responsible governance.

The Government of Norfolk Island now invites Expressions of Interest from members of the Norfolk Island community wishing to participate in this important work.

#### **Purpose of the Committee**

The Committee will work with the community to consider how Norfolk Island's constitutional arrangements may be strengthened and modernised for future generations while preserving the principles that authority rests with the people and that governance should operate through community consent.

The Committee will undertake consultation, receive submissions, identify opportunities for constitutional development, and prepare recommendations for consideration by the General Assembly.

#### **Areas of Inquiry**

The Committee may consider matters including:

- constitutional governance arrangements;
- democratic participation and representation;
- civic rights and constitutional protections;
- transparency and accountability in public decision-making;
- institutional independence and integrity;
- future governance structures;
- youth participation and intergenerational stewardship;
- protection of Norfolk Island's culture, identity, and heritage;
- constitutional safeguards relating to land, resources, and community interests; and
- Norfolk Island's future constitutional development.

## Who Should Apply?

Applications are encouraged from people with knowledge, experience, interest, or lived experience in areas such as:

- governance and public administration;
- constitutional affairs;
- law and legal practice;
- history and heritage;
- culture and language;
- education;
- community development;
- youth leadership;
- civic participation; and
- Norfolk Island public affairs.

The Government also welcomes applications from community members who may not possess formal qualifications, but who bring valuable local knowledge, life experience, and commitment to Norfolk Island's future.

## Committee Membership

The Committee will comprise:

- a Chair appointed by the Government of Norfolk Island; and
- up to six additional members.

Appointments will seek to achieve a balance of skills, experience, community perspectives, and generational representation.

## Time Commitment

Members should expect to:

- attend Committee meetings;
- review discussion papers and submissions;
- participate in community consultation activities;
- assist with development of recommendations; and
- contribute to Committee reporting.

## Appointment Process

Expressions of Interest will be assessed by the Government of Norfolk Island having regard to:

- relevant experience and knowledge;
- diversity of perspectives;
- community representation;
- commitment to constructive participation; and
- the overall balance of the Committee.

Appointments will be publicly recorded.

## How to Apply

Complete the accompanying Expression of Interest Form and submit it to:

- **Government of Norfolk Island direct at the Hub in Norfolk Mall**
- **Email: [contact@govni.org](mailto:contact@govni.org)**

Applicants may attach any supporting material including a résumé, biography, or written statement.

## Closing Date: 14 June 2026

The Government of Norfolk Island thanks all community members willing to contribute their knowledge, experience, and commitment to the constitutional future of Norfolk Island.

## PRIVACY STATEMENT

By signing this form, you consent to your name, address and email address being recorded in the Register and securely stored for record-keeping purposes and the establishment of the Government of Norfolk Island Electoral Roll.

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#### **SELECT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNISATION (1838 CONSTITUTION)**

#### **PERSONAL DETAILS**

Full Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

#### **INTEREST IN THE COMMITTEE**

Why are you interested in serving on the Select Committee on Constitutional Modernisation?

#### **KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE OR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Please describe any experience, knowledge, community involvement, cultural knowledge, or other perspectives that you believe would assist the Committee.

#### **AVAILABILITY**

Are you able to actively participate in Committee activities over the next six months?

Yes       No

If necessary, please provide additional comments:

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Please disclose any personal, professional, financial, or organisational interests relevant to the work of the Committee.

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## Personal Information Collection Notice & Disclaimer

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### Collection and Purpose

The information gathered on this form will only be used for the primary purposes of conducting official Government of Norfolk Island business and election administration.

### Third-Party Disclosure

Your personal information will not be passed onto, sold, or shared with third parties (such as external commercial entities or marketing bodies). All data stays within the effective operational control of the Government of Norfolk Island.

### Internal Information Sharing

By providing your details, you acknowledge that information may be shared securely between statutory officers, and election officials and government workers within the Government of Norfolk Island. This is done only to fulfill obligations, maintain accurate electoral rolls, and progress business functions.

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I acknowledge that my personal information will be collected and handled by the Government of Norfolk Island for official business, electoral, and information-sharing purposes as outlined above.”

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### DECLARATION

I declare that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

**Signature:**

**Date:**