



GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING: 10 October 2026 NOTICE PAPER ITEM:

2. GOVERNANCE CHARTER AMENDMENTS

2.2 Land and Intergenerational Inheritance

Purpose:

To seek endorsement of a new clause **21A – Land and Intergenerational Inheritance**, to be inserted in **Part D – Stewardship Framework** of the *Governance Charter & Operational Manual 2026*, immediately following clause 21 – Intergenerational Stewardship.

Motion:

That the General Assembly endorse the proposed Charter provision *Land and Intergenerational Inheritance*, attached as Annexure A, for incorporation into the *Governance Charter & Operational Manual 2026*.

Consideration:

Land has particular significance in Norfolk Island. It has sustained family, home, community and cultural continuity across generations and remains fundamental to the ability of future generations to maintain their connection with the Island. Recent developments have again demonstrated the importance of ensuring that decisions materially affecting Norfolk Island land are considered not only for their immediate administrative or economic purpose, but also for their longer-term social, cultural and intergenerational consequences.

This principle is already reflected throughout the Governance Charter. The Charter places land and assets within the scope of Government and requires stewardship to protect community wellbeing, cultural continuity and the inheritance of future generations.

The proposed amendment makes that responsibility explicit in relation to land. It is proposed that the provision be inserted immediately following **clause 21 – Intergenerational Stewardship** as a new **clause 21A – Land and Intergenerational Inheritance**. This placement connects the provision directly with the Charter's

existing requirement that public authority be exercised with regard to long-term consequence, inheritance and the prudent management of land and assets.

The amendment does not prevent the sale, transfer, development or lawful regulation of land. It establishes a continuing principle that significant decisions affecting land take account of Norfolk Island's finite land base, its particular history and culture, and the interests of generations to come.

Outcome Sought

That the General Assembly endorses the insertion of **clause 21A – Land and Intergenerational Inheritance** into **Part D – Stewardship Framework**, immediately following clause 21 of the *Governance Charter & Operational Manual 2026*.

Resolution

That the General Assembly:

1. endorses the proposed clause 21A – Land and Intergenerational Inheritance, attached as Annexure A;
2. approves its insertion into Part D – Stewardship Framework of the Governance Charter & Operational Manual 2026, immediately following clause 21 – Intergenerational Stewardship;
3. confirms that existing clause 22 and subsequent clauses retain their present numbering; and
4. authorises the amendment to be recorded in the official Charter amendment record and incorporated into the next consolidated edition of the Charter following the required resolution of the House..

Moved: Councillor, Timothy Brown

Date: 10 October 2026

Annexure A: PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE GOVERNANCE CHARTER & OPERATIONAL MANUAL 2026 – Land and Intergenerational Inheritance.

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PART D – STEWARDSHIP FRAMEWORK

Insert immediately following clause 21 – Intergenerational Stewardship:

21A. Land and Intergenerational Inheritance

Land in Norfolk Island carries particular historical, cultural and intergenerational significance to the Pitcairn–Norfolk Island People and the wider Norfolk Island community.

Governance affecting land shall recognise its importance to family, home, cultural continuity, community wellbeing and the ability of future generations to maintain an enduring connection with Norfolk Island.

Decisions materially affecting the ownership, stewardship or long-term accessibility of land shall have regard to the finite nature of the Island, intergenerational consequence, and the preservation of Norfolk Island's cultural and community inheritance.