GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND

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Working with our community

GNI is looking ahead to the next stage of its work, with clearer General Assembly discussions, community input on population and immigration, and preparations for the 1 January 2027 election.

Following last Saturday's General Assembly meeting, the House reviewed the meeting frankly. GNI accepts that proceedings needed stronger direction, and proposals needed clearer explanation. Future agendas will be more focused, with more community discussion and applied use of meeting protocols.

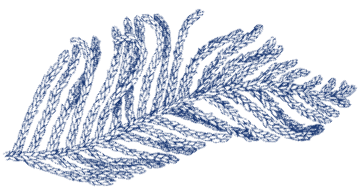
Completing the Population, Immigration and Sustainable Capacity Survey remains a priority for this term of government. Its purpose is to gather people's experiences alongside available evidence: the benefits of population change, the pressures being felt and the Island's capacity to meet future needs. Establishing a baseline of measured metrics will complement the Population Strategy developed by the Council of Elders.

The Community Wellbeing Survey will provide a broader picture of life on Norfolk Island, covering our environment, social wellbeing, economic resilience, cultural continuity and governance. GNI is following up the online release and will confirm access arrangements shortly.

Constitutional modernisation will continue beyond this government's term. GNI will work with the Select Committee to deliver the required Modernisation Plan to give the community a clear consultation pathway. Election planning also continues, including investigation of secure online voting, subject to the necessary authority and safeguards.

Practical support is growing. Additional administrative support to optimise the Hub and GNI communications will bring welcome help.

Thank you to everyone who contributes time, ideas and honest questions. Please check your Electoral Roll details, watch for survey announcements and stay involved. The work ahead needs the knowledge and experience of our whole community.



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