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Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

By email: Rachel.Bacon@infrastructure.gov.au

Dear Rachel

Council at its meeting held Wednesday 24 June 2020, adopted by Resolution 2020/84:

THAT –

1. Council instructs the General Manager as a matter of priority to bring to Council for its endorsement terms of reference for the engagement of an appropriate consultant to conduct a full independent governance and financial audit of NIRC operations; and that the General Manager request the Commonwealth Government to meet the audit cost.
2. The terms of reference include legislative, regulatory and policy framework amendments to improve the operation of NIRC, with an underlying principle of reduction of service delivery cost and red tape.
3. In calling for this review/audit, Council acknowledges that these actions have been taken to ensure a stronger future for the Island through sustainable revenue sources, expenditure management and a pathway towards less reliance on Commonwealth funding.
4. Council lead the communication locally as this must be an Island driven initiative.
5. Notwithstanding Council resolution 2020/56 of 20 May 2020 Council now requests the election be delayed by two months or to a later date if deemed necessary by the Commonwealth to allow for the review/audit to be undertaken and a report received and adopted by the existing Council to allow the newly elected Council to enter their term unburdened by this process.

In accordance with resolution one above, I now formally request the Departments consideration to funding this proposal. I look forward to working with you and your team on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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Andrew Roach
General Manager