



PRIME MINISTER MALCOLM BЛИGH TURNBULL SPEAKS OUT ‘THAT MIGHT IS NOT RIGHT’

Malcolm Turnbull, Prime Minister of Australia, speaking at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC on 19 January 2016 about China and the islands in the South China Sea, says –

“Let me conclude with Book 5 of Thucydides history. There, the independent island of Milos wanted to maintain its neutrality in the war. The ambassadors from Athens were unmoved and when the Mileans appealed to justice, they were met with a sneer as timeless as it is chilling. ‘You know as well as we do’, the ambassadors from Athens said, ‘that justice is to be found only as between equals in power. As for the rest, the strong do as they will and the weak suffer as they must.’

“Now, the international order, the Rule of Law, seeks to ensure that that is not so. That MIGHT IS NOT RIGHT. (Emphasis is NIPDs) And that is why we will always work with the United States and our other allies and partners to uphold it.,” the Prime Minister said. (Broadcast on ABC News 24)

NIPD wrote to the Prime Minister on 9 January 2016 bringing to his attention how the Australian Parliament was misled during the passage of the Norfolk Island Legislation Amendment Bill 2015; how the Parliament ignored the wishes expressed by the majority of the Norfolk Island People in their Petition to the Parliament; how the Parliament ignored the results of the May 2015 Referendum and ignored the Remonstrance Motion of the Norfolk Island Parliament delivered to the Australian Parliament prior to the passage of the Bill.

NIPD has proposed to the Prime Minister that in light of recent events involving Jamie Briggs, MP, an Inquiry into his dealings with Norfolk Island would be welcomed. We are encouraged by the Prime Minister’s belief “MIGHT IS NOT RIGHT” and look forward to his instituting an inquiry to ensure that the Australian Government and the Australian Parliament were not misled in reaching their conclusion that the Norfolk Island Parliament should be abolished and Self-Government removed.

NIPD has sought a meeting with the Prime Minister while at the same time encouraging him to accompany Minister Fletcher on his visit 28/29 January.

In conversation with Minister Fletcher’s electorate office on Monday, NIPD was advised that the Minister has received the invitation from NIPD for him to meet with the Management Committee next week and that the request is with his ministerial adviser Mr Nick Hannan. We were led to understand that we will receive a response shortly.

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From the NIPD Management Committee

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