



**THE COMMONWEALTH HAS SELECTIVELY SILENCED FREEDOM OF SPEECH ON NORFOLK ISLAND!**

The Commonwealth has for the first time in Norfolk's history used its powers under the Norfolk Island Broadcasting Act to prevent our community announcement being aired on Radio Norfolk claiming it to be "political" and "sectorial".

As we have no other immediate means of informing the general community about our flag raising ceremony tomorrow (Thursday 28 Jan) we ask that you all ensure your friends and family are aware of this important community event. Please see below the community announcement which we sought to broadcast:

**OFFICIAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**

"NIPD would like to give a big thank you to all of the wonderful people of Norfolk Island who continue to donate their professional expertise, time, money and materials to assist in refurbishing the *People's Centre for Democracy* in Taylors Rd.

Everyone is invited to celebrate with NIPD at the first official flag raising ceremony on Thursday 28th January at 5.15 pm sharp. The timing of this ceremony has been specifically chosen to allow everyone to participate in the flag raising ceremony and then to attend the public meeting at Rawson hall at 6pm.

The community is advised that NIPD has been formally refused a one-on-one meeting with Minister Fletcher. As such we hope that you will join with us at Rawson Hall, where we will all have the opportunity to challenge the lack of democratic process relating to the current and future governance arrangements for Norfolk Island and to seek the Minister's commitment to work directly with the Norfolk Island people in a spirit of partnership, under the principles of the United Nations".

**WHAT:** Official Flag Raising Ceremony

**WHERE:** People's Centre for Democracy, Taylors Road

**WHEN:** Thursday 28 January 2016 - 5.15PM

**From the NIPD Management Committee**

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