



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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**A Statement by U.K. Members of Parliament
regarding the situation in Norfolk Island**

As United Kingdom Members of Parliament, we recently visited Norfolk Island and were deeply disturbed by what we found.

It is of course up to the Governor General of Australia to appoint the Administrator of Norfolk Island on behalf of the Crown, but it is undoubtedly the case that the current holder of that office has lost the confidence of the overwhelming majority of the people of Norfolk Island.

The current situation is untenable and cannot go on. It is damaging the lives of the people of Norfolk Island as well as the reputation of Australia.

The spirit of the people of Norfolk is close to breaking point and it is imperative that whoever holds the office of Administrator is someone who shows empathy with the people and in whom they can trust.

Urgent change is now needed and an end to the deeply sad and wholly avoidable situation that the good people of Norfolk Island find themselves in today.

As friends of Australia and Norfolk Island, we urge the government of the Commonwealth of Australia to re-build the trust with the people of Norfolk Island and adopt a new approach, with a new Administrator in Government House.

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