



Norfolk Island People for Democracy

Community Update

Did you know?

That in February 1978 a report titled “Norfolk Island, Australia & the U.N.” was compiled for the Federal United Nations Association of Australia (the U.N.A.A.) by John Bulbeck, the then U.N.A.A. Hon. Federal Media Officer, who visited Norfolk Island from 16 to 27 January 1978 to make inquiries on behalf of the Federal Executive of the United National Association of Australia. Mr Bulbeck draws a number of conclusions in his 1978 report (the “Bulbeck Report”) which include the following:

- “Norfolk Island is at present quite clearly a non-self-governing colony of Australia. No challenge to that reality on moral, legal, political or sociological grounds is sustainable.
- “Australia has no justification for continuing to claim that Norfolk Island is part of metropolitan Australia and therefore not subject to Australia’s obligations to the United Nations about non-self-governing territories
- “Australia has firmly committed itself to the internationally recognized principle of self-determination. Australia practices this through its own constitution. It is clearly inconsistent for the Federal Government to continue to refuse this right of the people of Norfolk Island.”

Twelve months after the release of the Bulbeck Report a limited form of self-government was granted to Norfolk Island by Australia in 1979.

Thirty six years later, in 2015, that limited form of self-government for Norfolk Island was removed by Australia.

With the removal of self-government in 2015, the 1978 conclusions drawn in the Bulbeck Report are as valid today as they were in 1978.

You are invited to register as a supporter of Norfolk Island People for Democracy on www.norfolkschoice.com, at Pawpaw’s Pump Shed, at Daniels Butchery or in the Foodland Mall