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**Sent:** Tuesday, 2 August 2022 4:02 PM  
**To:** VANDENBROEK Sarah  
**Cc:** HUTCHINSON Eric; s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant material  
**Subject:** FOR COMMENT/CLEARANCE: Message for this weekend's Norfolk Islander [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** McBain Media Release - civic participation discussions.docx  
**Importance:** High

## OFFICIAL

Hi Sarah

For your consideration/changes, and for Eric's review, please find attached a draft Ministerial message on this week's discussions with CoE/NIPD.

I have given s22(1)(a)(ii) the heads-up on the message – she asked if you would share it with CoE/NIPD ahead of any publication, for visibility and/or their review, so if you could let me know on that too, so I can share that info when the draft is provided up to s22(1)(a)(ii) and the office.

Cheers

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

This week Eric and I are continuing discussions with the NI Council of Elders and NI People for Democracy.

We would like to ask the Minister to put a very high level note in the paper acknowledging the discussions.

Could you please draft something for us that we can discuss with the office.

We would like it to pick up some of the language from the MR the Minister did in last weekend's paper about increased community engagement etc and follow on from there.

It shouldn't indicate that anything was agreed this week, just that discussions have continued positively and options for broad community engagement in local decision making are being discussed. And that there will be an opportunity for everyone to participate in the discussions in coming months.

It would be good to have a line along the lines of 'I recognise that this conversation has been a long time coming and that nothing will be resolved quickly. But we are committed to working with the community to establish trust and increase local empowerment and input to decision making.'

Thanks s22(1)(a)(ii) – give me a call if this doesn't make sense.

Sarah

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**Subject:** Update on development of message on CoE/NIPD discussions [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Just an update on our earlier discussion – Sarah and Eric are meeting again with CoE and NIPD in the morning, so they will share the proposed draft with them at that time and then we will get the message through to you by the afternoon, for your consideration. We can then just provide the final back to them for visibility ahead of publication.

Be in touch again tomorrow on this.

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Hi Sarah and Eric

Please find attached the final release on this week's discussions, which the Minister's office will issue this afternoon.

Please note, there was only one minor change to the draft, to remove "to do this" after "ways forward" in the para below:

"This week's engagement is part of the ongoing discussions to find ways forward ~~to do this~~, with options and potential models for broad community engagement in local decision-making being explored."

Thanks

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Hold on this – minister's office is making some further amendments.  
 Will provide an updated version when available.

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant material and s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant material  
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**Subject:** FOR URGENT REVIEW/CHECK: Updated version of discussions media release [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** McBain Media Release - civic participation discussions - v2.docx

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Hi Sarah and Eric

The Minister has made some further adjustments to the media release on this week's discussions. Could you please review and canvass with CoE and NIPD, then advise if any further amendments are needed?

Thanks

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Thanks, s22(1)(a)(ii) confirming we have the new version and will check it with NIPD and CoE and come back to you.

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Thanks

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**From:** Chris Magri <s47F - personal privacy>  
**Sent:** Friday, 5 August 2022 10:23 AM  
**To:** VANDENBROEK Sarah  
**Cc:** David Buffett; HUTCHINSON Eric; s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant material  
**Subject:** Re: Updated version of media release [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**Importance:** High

Sarah,

Thank you for sharing this with me. I have contacted David and we are both very comfortable with the attached Media Release.

Kind regards and have a great weekend,  
Chris

On 5 Aug 2022, at 10:51, VANDENBROEK Sarah <[Sarah.Vandenbroek@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:Sarah.Vandenbroek@infrastructure.gov.au)> wrote:

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Good morning David and Chris,

The Minister has requested some edits to the Media Release to strengthen the emphasis on everyone having an opportunity to provide input into the process.

Please let me know as soon as you can if you have any concerns about the attached version.

We understand there won't be a newspaper produced this weekend however the Minister would like this to be released online today.

Regards,  
Sarah

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Confirming that CoE and NIPD are both comfortable with this version so it's now good to go.

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Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 5 August 2022 5:50 PM  
**To:** Jonathan Snell  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: For publication - McBain media - CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND CULTURAL RECOGNITION ON THE AGENDA [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** McBain Media Release - civic participation discussions - final.docx

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Ooops – I had planned to send this one out last night and just realised I didn't update the date to Friday. You can tell it's Friday evening!

Correct version is now attached.

Cheers

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Jonathan Snell <news@thenorfolkislander.com>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Subject:** For publication - McBain media - CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND CULTURAL RECOGNITION ON THE AGENDA [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Jonno

Hope all's going well on Island – I've attached another statement from Kristy for publication re some discussions that were had on island this week.

Cheers

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**Sent:** Monday, 15 August 2022 4:57 PM  
**To:** VANDENBROEK Sarah  
**Cc:** O'NEILL Aaron; s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant material  
**Subject:** FOR INFO: Letter from Robin Adams [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Sarah,

Thought you'd like to know the Minister received a very positive response to the civic participation notice from Robin Adams (below).

Thanks,

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**Sent:** Monday, 15 August 2022 1:30 PM  
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**Subject:** FOR INFORMATION [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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**From:** Robin Adams <s47F - personal privacy>  
**Sent:** Monday, 15 August 2022 7:42 AM  
**To:** MCBain, Kristy (MP) <[Kristy.McBain.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Kristy.McBain.MP@aph.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Robin Adams <s47F - personal privacy>  
**Subject:** "Civic engagement and cultural recognition on the Agenda"

The Hon Kristy McBain MP  
Minister for Regional Development, Local Government  
And Territories

Dear Minister McBain,

Your Press Release, which featured on the front page of the Norfolk Islander on Saturday, brings welcome news for our community.

My sincere thanks to you Minister for facilitating the discussions on Norfolk Island last week with the Council of Elders/David Buffett and the Norfolk Island People for Democracy/Chris Magri. It is understood that the discussions are positive and are cause for us to feel that our

concerns, and our suggestions to resolve them, are being heard; and that a positive outcome for our future is achievable through a spirit of cooperation, collaboration and partnership.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robin Adams'.

Robin Adams JP  
Norfolk Islander of Pitcairn descent

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**From:** s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant material  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 August 2022 5:58 PM  
**To:** BALDWIN Jim  
**Subject:** Post visit and civic participation releases - with community engagement commitments/language [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** McBain Media Release - civic participation discussions - final.docx; Norfolk Island trip recap - 28 July.docx

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Thanks, AO, appreciate the comments and feedback. No issues with any of the suggestions, have reflected them in the attached version. Let me know if this is ok to progress to Sarah and I will provide it to her ASAP.

Cheers

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Have a look at my comments/views, these are in no way intended to be 'changes to be made' but rather some thoughts from my end. I am absolutely open to your views if you think suggestions should/should not be included.

We all acknowledge our messaging is so important on this topic and how our draft words can be interpreted. For what it is worth, I reckon you nailed it well. Send me back your further edits and we can get to SV

Cheers

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Hi AO  
First draft of the release as discussed Friday, let me know your thoughts.  
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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

I've made a couple of edits but I forgot to put track on – sorry!

See what you think. If you're comfortable with this I'll send to Chris and David. I'll also send to Eric and message him to let him know he's got it.

Thanks,  
 Sarah

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Hi Sarah

As discussed Friday, please find draft Ministerial release on last week's discussions and outcomes attached, for your clearance and also provision to CoE and NIPD for their review. Aaron has cleared.

Also, I know Eric is off island this week – did you also want to give him visibility? Or let me know if you'd like me to discuss it with him.

In case the MO has changes and we need to get David and Chris to review it again, I'd say we'd need to have their initial feedback by COB tomorrow, to allow time before Thursday's deadline for another round of clearance.

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No probs, will do.

Regards

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Morning s22(1)(a)(ii) – can you please put this on s47F - pii's radar as you suggested. Thanks, Sarah.

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Thanks for the update, Sarah.

Regards

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**From:** VANDENBROEK Sarah

**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 October 2022 10:35 AM

**To:** 'Chris Magri' <s47F - personal privacy>

**Subject:** RE: Draft press release for Minister McBain [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Tomorrow is fine. Thanks Chris.

Sarah

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**From:** Chris Magri <s47F - personal privacy>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 October 2022 9:49 AM

**To:** VANDENBROEK Sarah <[Sarah.Vandenbroek@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:Sarah.Vandenbroek@infrastructure.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Re: Draft press release for Minister McBain [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for your email and draft media release. It was great to have Aaron join our conversations.

David is off island at the moment, so if it is OK I will get back to you first thing in the morning re. media release. My initial response is that it is great.

Thanks again for all your support,

Kind regards,

Chris

On 18 Oct 2022, at 09:30, VANDENBROEK Sarah <[Sarah.Vandenbroek@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:Sarah.Vandenbroek@infrastructure.gov.au)> wrote:

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As agreed, please see attached a draft media release from Minister McBain.

I welcome your comments and feedback. I'm also happy to set up a time for a quick discussion if that would be useful or if you have significant concerns.

Regards,  
Sarah

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FYI, this is the release we're working through with NIPD and CoE

Regards

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**Date:** Tuesday, 18 October 2022 at 5:25:24 am  
**To:** "HUTCHINSON Eric" <[Eric.Hutchinson@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:Eric.Hutchinson@infrastructure.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant material <s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant material@infrastructure.gov.au>, "O'NEILL Aaron" <[Aaron.O'Neill@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:Aaron.O'Neill@infrastructure.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Minister's release - Norfolk Island Governance discussions [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Eric,

s22(1)(a)(ii) has drafted a media release for us in line with the commitment we made to Chris and David that we would ask the Minister to issue an update to the community.

I know you are on leave this week but please let me know what you think when you get a chance.

Thanks,  
 Sarah

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**Cc:** O'NEILL Aaron  
**Subject:** Re: Draft press release for Minister McBain [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Morning, Sarah.

Yes, agree - will make that change and get it through to s22(1)(a)(ii) this morning.

Cheers

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Regards

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**Subject:** FW: Draft press release for Minister McBain [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Morning s22(1)(a)(ii)

I think we can make the change suggested by Chris and David – they Chris suggests, the point is still made in para 4.

Appreciate if you can progress this to the office.

Thanks,  
Sarah

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**From:** Chris Magri <s47F - personal privacy>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 October 2022 4:49 AM  
**To:** VANDENBROEK Sarah <[Sarah.Vandenbroek@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:Sarah.Vandenbroek@infrastructure.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** David Buffett <s47F - personal privacy>  
**Subject:** Re: Draft press release for Minister McBain [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Sarah,

The draft media release is great. The only suggested change, and it is not critical, would be to remove the last few words from para 3.

*Last week's discussions on island are part of ongoing engagement between Council of Elders (COE) and Norfolk Island People for Democracy (NIPD) representatives and Administrator Eric Hutchinson and senior representatives of my Department, ~~ahead of broader community engagement.~~*

The reason for suggesting to remove these words is that we feel para 4 better emphasises the need to involve the whole community in this process.

Thank you again Sarah, I am so pleased for our community with the progress we are making together.

Kind regards,  
Chris

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

As flagged, please find attached the proposed community update on last week's discussions with CoE and NIPD. This has been cleared by Sarah and reviewed by CoE/NIPD and Eric.

If you could let us know your thoughts on it/any revisions, we'd like to give David and Chris the opportunity to review your version before it's issued.

Cheers

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**Subject:** RE: heads-up on release incoming - CoE and NIPD discussions [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for the heads up. Confirming I'll also distribute the attached media release this afternoon.

Cheers

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**Subject:** heads-up on release incoming - CoE and NIPD discussions [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi [REDACTED]

The Administrator, Sarah and Aaron had a further round of discussions on cultural recognition and community participation on island last week with the Council of Elders and Norfolk Island People for Democracy.

At the conclusion of the discussions, it was agreed with David and Chris that we'd ask the Minister to consider a community update on the discussions, similar to the August one.

We're just getting CoE and NIPD to review it before we send you through the draft. We anticipate that to be tomorrow. Would be great to get it out this week, the Islander will be publishing again from this week so we'd need it out by Thursday COB.

Happy to discuss ahead of provision of the release.

Cheers

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s22(1)(a)(i) - can you please urgently check in with Sarah on whether she wants to send this updated version to David and Chris?

Thanks

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Thanks Sarah, will let s22(1)(a)(ii) know.

Regards

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Good to go. Thanks s22(1)(a)(ii)

Sarah

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Sarah,

I have no issues with the suggested amendments. Thank you for sharing them with me.

Have a great day,  
Kind regards,  
Chris

On 20 Oct 2022, at 11:15, VANDENBROEK Sarah <[sarah.vandenbroek@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:sarah.vandenbroek@infrastructure.gov.au)> wrote:

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Good morning Chris and David,

The Minister has requested some minor edits to the media release. The changes don't impact on the content of the message, they go more to the Minister's preferred style. However, I wanted to run it back past you before it is released in case the changes raise any concerns.

I've attached one version with the changes tracked and another clean version with the changes accepted.

Please let me know if you have any concerns with this version. Otherwise it will be provided today for inclusion in Saturday's paper.

Thanks,  
Sarah

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Hi all

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20 October 2022

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In line with my commitment to you for better communications, I am pleased to advise that last week Departmental representatives worked with local community members to progress opportunities for cultural recognition and community empowerment.

These on island discussions are part of ongoing engagement between Council of Elders (COE) and Norfolk Island People for Democracy (NIPD) representatives and Administrator Eric Hutchinson and senior representatives of my Department.

I know these are matters of interest and importance to the whole Norfolk Island community and you will all have the opportunity to contribute to them in coming months.

I thank the CoE and NIPD for their commitment to these initial discussions, good progress has been made in considering possible options to enhance cultural recognition. These are complex issues and we will continue to take considered steps together to achieve greater local empowerment and increased trust.

Our collective responsibility for the preservation of the World Heritage KAVHA site is so important. On Kingston governance, agreement has been reached that Mr Hutchinson as chair of the KAVHA Advisory Committee will invite the Council of Elders to nominate a representative to join the committee. This is a short-term interim step ahead of a reconstitution of the Committee's membership next year to include elected community representatives.

Knowing the strong desire for local representation and increased community involvement in decision-making, it was also agreed that a Norfolk Island steering committee – which would include community-elected representatives – will be established. This committee would have input to government services and governance matters. There will be further work done on the formation of this steering committee as we move into 2023.

As I said recently, I am keen to work with the community to reinstate a Preamble to the Norfolk Island Act that recognises the relationship of descendants of the settlers from Pitcairn Island with Norfolk Island, their traditions, culture and history.

The CoE will be supported to draft wording which will strengthen the cultural elements of a Preamble. There will then be open community engagement on a draft Preamble to ensure a comprehensive community view can be formed.

I look forward to keeping you informed as your opportunities to contribute are developed.

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11/10/22 Thursday

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As comm a priority with Min

Cultural recognition a priority for ColE, ~~mental health~~

~~As/ from - ColE on KAPPA advisory dec?~~ gets been to  
have this, SV support and no strong view on this  
being the same person.

Chris 'it would be entirely appropriate for them to be  
different people'

Preamble - cultural arrangements to be included, they want  
a lawyer to submit. They want our views on the language  
Cultural meaning in preamble.

As/ high to outline plan, we are OK with returning officer  
L5 to have with Chris

As/ comm with MO empowering city engagement

~~but can we do together~~

~~and change the [redacted] but not an influence based  
on those [redacted] that is [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]  
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~~and [redacted]~~

Can cover preamble empowering through  
KAPPA and dec and population services

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