

Consultation Name: Updated fire control laws for Norfolk Island

Comment:

When Gary Hardgrave misled the Federal Minister and the Australian Parliament, he destroyed trust between Norfolk Islanders, your department and Canberra. We don't view any consultation you may run as genuine. The Commonwealth run Norfolk Island Regional Council just conducted a consultation period on its draft operational plan. After half the electorate lodged submissions, they were promptly ignored and punitive land and waste management rates were introduced.

During normal periods of weather on the island, that is not during total fire bans, permits should not be required to burn green waste. We have survived on Norfolk Island since 1856 and now there is a raft of legislation being introduced to make us more like you, a little suburb of Canberra.

We're consultation fatigued as we know the submissions we spend hours and days on are routinely ignored. We are sick to death of your colonialism and 'Clayton's' consultation.

The majority of the community were opposed to the takeover, not as your narrative ran, as we were anti-tax, but because we knew these overlay of your rules to suit your suburban lifestyles was coming.

You have caused enough anguish, grief, anger, sadness and premature deaths here due to your imposed model.

How about starting the healing process?

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