

# AUSTRALIA'S ASSAULT ON NORFOLK ISLAND 2015-16:

## *Despatches from the Front Line*

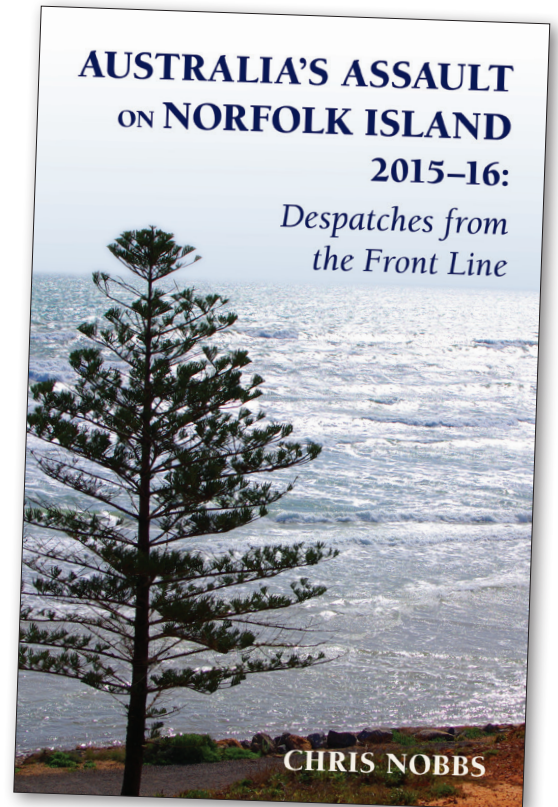
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As an external territory of Australia, Norfolk Island enjoyed a large measure of self-government over the years 1979-2015. The Australian Government has now torn down this structure against the wishes of the great majority of Norfolk Islanders, replacing it with governmental arrangements based on a New South Wales regional council model - in what internationally regarded human rights lawyer Geoffrey Robertson QC has called 'a heavy-handed act of regression'.

This book brings together articles and letters originally published in *The Norfolk Islander* and on *Norfolk Online News*, and provides a record of and commentary on, this transition. The picture that emerges is of Australian Government actions typified by arrogance, ignorance, and a lack of concern for the real interests of the Norfolk Island community.

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