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Transport and Regional Services
Parliament House
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PAUL
Dear Mr Neville,

I refer to your letter of the 10 February 2004 seeking submissions in respect to your enquiry into Maritime Salvage in Australian Waters. As you are aware the enquiry is in relation to salvage capabilities and cover for all Australian waters. I can inform you that there are no facilities in relation to salvage tugs in Norfolk Island. Therefore any assistance required for the use of a tug would need to come from Australia.

However as you would know from your own experience in Norfolk Island, there are a number of fishing and lighterage vessels, which have been called upon in the past and would be of assistance in the case of preservation of life and for limited salvaging operations from ships in Norfolk Island waters that might require such assistance.

I would appreciate if my response could be placed with the submissions relating to this matter. In view of the above information it is not proposed that there will be any further submissions in respect of this matter. I would appreciate being provided with any reports or determinations made in respect to your committees inquiries.

Yours sincerely,

Geoff Gardner

Chief Minister and
Minister for Intergovernment Relations