

MEDIA RELEASE

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RESTRICTED AREA ACCESS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

Norfolk Island Regional Council reminds residents and visitors that access to restricted areas are in place for public safety reasons.

Public areas that present safety concerns for unauthorised visitors are assessed for appropriate security measures and action is taken to prevent continued access by the public. Unfortunately, there are individuals who have ignored our safety activities and place themselves at risk by doing so.

The areas that Council is specifically concerned about are the Drill Ground, areas around Waste Management Centre and airport runway that are not for public access, Youngs Road Quarry, airside areas of the airport, Sewerage Treatment Plant and infrastructure, and the electricity powerhouse, which are all restricted access areas.

These areas present hazards that may present harm to people who are not aware of the unique dangers of the sites and are restricted to ensure public safety. Council will be implementing stronger controls for these areas and clear signage to notify the public of restricted areas.

The quarry project is well underway, and it's vital that anyone not connected with that project stays clear of the site until completed.

Similarly, waste management operations are now experiencing increased activity by machinery and various heavy equipment, and this creates a greater risk to unauthorised people on site.

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