



The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP

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NSW GOVT WANTS COMMUNITY TO HAVE GREATER SAY IN LORD HOWE ISLAND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell today announced retired High Court Justice Murray Gleeson AC would consider the future of governance arrangements for Lord Howe Island.

"Before the election, the NSW Liberals & Nationals committed to a greater local decision making and empowerment in decision making," Mr O'Farrell said.

"Mr Gleeson will consider options for increasing the role of the local community in leadership positions and for protecting against risk of conflicts of interest.

"Lord Howe Island is a very special part of the world and I'm determined to ensure it has the best possible governance arrangements," he said.

Mr O'Farrell said Mr Gleeson will conduct consultations with the local community later this month.

Currently, the seven-member board consists of four elected Islanders and three members appointed by the Minister for the Environment.

Interested parties are also invited to provide written submissions by Friday 18 May 2012.

The terms of reference and submissions will be published online, with the final report due by 30 June 2012.

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