1. As part of its 2012 election commitments, the Government committed to a two year trial of a youth boot camp diversion program.
2. The youth boot camp diversion program, which consists of an early intervention boot camp in the Gold Coast area and a sentenced youth boot camp program in the Cairns and surrounding area, is an initiative under the *Safer Streets Crime Action Plan.* These programs will target 80 young people over two years who are on a pathway to either the criminal justice system or detention, respectively.
3. Further, as part of the 2012-13 State budget, a decision was made to remove powers for courts to be able to refer matters to a youth justice conference.
4. The Youth Justice (Boot Camp Orders) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 amends the *Youth Justice Act 1992,* and makes additional un-related amendments to the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* and the *Fiscal Repair Amendment Act 2012.*
5. Amendments to the *Youth Justice Act 1992* will:
* create a legislative regime to support the introduction of a Boot Camp Order as a new sentencing option before detention. These amendments will commence on 31 January 2013;
* remove courts’ ability to make indefinite referrals or conference before sentencing referrals to youth justice conferencing. These amendments will commence on
1 January 2013; and
* affect administrative changes due to the discharge of youth justice conference roles within the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.
1. Amendments to the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* will provide:
* an exemption for government eligibility policies based on citizenship provide or visa status; and
* an exemption to allow a person to lawfully discriminate against another person in providing accommodation if the discrimination is based on the accommodation provider’s reasonable belief that the other person intends to use the accommodation in connection with that person’s or another person’s work as a sex worker.
1. Amendments to the *Fiscal Repair Amendment Act 2012* will enablethe transfer of the roles and decision making of the commission and the chief executive under the *Gaming Machine Act 1991* and *Liquor Act 1992* to a new Commissioner for Liquor and Gaming. These amendments were to commence on 1 July 2013. However, given the benefits of streamlining the liquor and gaming decision making process, it is preferable for the amendments to commence earlier, on 1 January 2013, to maximise their effect.
2. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Youth Justice (Boot Camp Orders) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 into the Legislative Assembly.
3. *Attachments*
* [Youth Justice (Boot Camp Orders) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012](Attachments/Youth%20Justice%20Boot%20Camp%20Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Youth%20Justice%20Boot%20Camp%20ExNotes.PDF)