1. As part of the election commitments, the Government committed $3.5 million over four years to the justice of the peace (JP) program to enhance and refocus the role of JPs in the community. As part of this commitment, a trial is to be undertaken to expand the role of JPs to hear minor civil disputes (MCD) with a value of $5,000 or less and non-urgent residential tenancy matters in the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT).
2. The objectives of the trial are to:

* recognise the substantial voluntary contribution of JPs to the community and provide opportunities to improve, develop and expand their role;
* reduce the average time taken to finalise all MCD applications and improve the clearance rate for all MCD applications in the trial sites;
* reduce the cost of hearing these matters; and
* enable QCAT adjudicators and magistrates (who act as QCAT members in regional areas) to deal with more complex matters.

1. The trial is scheduled to commence on 3 June 2013.
2. Cabinet endorsed that the nominees listed below be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as QCAT Justices of the Peace for a term of three years commencing from 31 May 2013 up to and including 30 May 2016:

QCAT Justice of the Peace (Legally Qualified)

Mr David Barkley

Mrs Gloria Beyers

Mr Chiu-Hing Chan

Ms Valery France

Mr Jim Gordon

Ms Linda-Anne Griffiths

Mr Samuel Hardin

Mr Arron Hartnett

Mr Marcus Katter

Mr Ross Lee

Mrs Suzanne McCormack

Ms Carmel McMahon

Mrs Gabrielle Mewing

Mr Adam Ozdowski

Mr David Phipps

Mr Bryan Pickard

Miss Carol Ann Rolls

Mr Wayne Stanton

Mr Bruce Starkey

QCAT Justice of the Peace

Mrs Lexene Andrews

Mrs Samantha Angus

Mr Lawrence Ballinger

Miss Sarah Bregonje

Mr Robert Brummell

Mrs Wendy Clark

Dr Bruce Cook

Mr Michael Corlett

Mr John Crighton

Mrs Christine Cuthbert-Steele

Mr Troy Davison

Mr Malcolm Edmiston

Mr Kevin Erwin

Mr Vincent Everett

Miss Katherine Jane Fenwick

Mr Anthony Friel

Mr Arthur Fry

Mr Gary Gibson

Mrs Marian Goddard

Mr Sean Goodsir

Mr Charles Richard Hammerslea

Ms Jane Hawkins

Mr John Howie

Mrs Marilyn Heath

Mr Miles Heffernan

Mr Rodney Hilditch

Mrs Erin Horell

Mrs Angela-Marie James

Mrs Raelen Kell

Mr Gary Kirby

Mr Michael Lai

Mr Toby Latcham

Mr Jason Lawler

Mr Bruce Little

Mrs Lynette Maguire

Aunty Lynne Matsen

Mr Andrew Mckenzie

Mr Karl McKenzie

Miss Jessica Mills

Ms Stacey Morton

Mrs Shirley Murray

Ms Mejrem Mustafa

Ms Joanne Myers-Cave

Mrs Roslyn Newlands

Mrs Catherine O'Donnell

Mr Stephen Osachuk

Ms Linda Renouf

Mr Graeme Rogers

Ms Roberta Scrivner

Mr James Stackpoole

Mrs Helen Staines

Ms Susan Maree Stubbings

Mr Darren Swindells

Mrs Fay Twidale

Mr Barry Vickers

Mrs Stephanie Wehrend

Ms Angela Yin

1. *Attachments*

* Nil.