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 commenced in June 2013 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. Cabinet endorsed that the nominees outlined below be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as QCAT Justices of the Peace for a term of three years commencing from the day following Governor in Council approval:
* Mrs Lisa Marie Butson
* Mr Peter Gerard Cleary
* Dr Alan James Collier
* Mr Robert Anthony Denaro
* Mr Geoffrey Neil Gunn
* Ms Trudi Ann Jobberns
* Dr Dayle Kerry Smith
* Mr Derek Arthur Struik
* Mr Hedley Rye
1. *Attachments*:
* Nil.