1. Welfare reform is an approach to community development that commenced in 2008 in the communities of Hope Vale, Aurukun, Mossman Gorge and Coen. It aims to restore local authority, build stronger and more resilient communities and change behaviours in response to chronic levels of welfare dependency, social dysfunction and economic exclusion.
2. The key component of welfare reform is the Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC). It is now intended to extend the operation of the FRC to include Doomadgee.
3. The FRC is an independent statutory body established under the *Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008* (the Act). The FRC operates to restore local Indigenous authority and build stronger and more resilient communities by attaching behavioural obligations to the receipt of welfare payments.
4. The Queensland Government has approved that the Act be extended beyond 1 January 2015 to enable welfare reform initiatives and FRC operations to continue into the future and potentially could be applied to other communities, subject to consultation with any community concerned.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Family Responsibilities Commission Amendment Bill 2014 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Family Responsibilities Commission Amendment Bill 2014](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)