1. The Communities Legislation (Funding Red Tape Reduction) Amendment Bill 2014 amends the existing laws to remove all unnecessary red tape, yet retain essential safeguards. It does this by repealing the *Family Services Act 1987* (FSA), removing parts of the *Disability Services Act 2006* (DSA) that duplicate the *Community Services Act 2007* (CSA), and reducing and amending the CSA.
2. The Bill will:
* provide a common legislative base for funding across the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS)
* cut red tape costs for funded organisations by about $2.6 million per year
* contribute to DCCSDS’ 23% regulatory reduction target
* support and enable further government reforms.
1. The Queensland Government invests significantly in non-government organisations to deliver vital frontline services to Queensland communities. In 2012–13, DCCSDS provided an estimated $1.5 billion (60% of its total expenditure) to not-for-profit organisations, local governments and other organisations to deliver child safety, disability and community services.
2. At present, DCCSDS administers its investment under three separate Acts - the CSA, DSA and FSA. While these Acts provide stronger powers than are available under contracts to protect taxpayers’ money and manage risks to vulnerable clients, the laws are not as efficient as they should be.
3. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Communities Legislation (Funding Red Tape Reduction) Amendment Bill 2014 into the Legislative Assembly.
4. *Attachments*
* [Communities Legislation (Funding Red Tape Reduction) Amendment Bill 2014](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)