1. Welfare reform is an approach to community development that is in place in the communities of Hope Vale, Aurukun, Mossman Gorge and Coen. Welfare reform 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 Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC), a central feature of welfare reform, is a statutory body established under the *Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008*.
3. 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. Due to significant challenges faced by the community, Doomadgee had been identified as a community that may benefit significantly from locally-led re-establishment of social norms through the FRC and welfare reform efforts.
5. Cabinet approved the Family Responsibilities Commission Amendment Regulation (No.1) 2014 be submitted to the Governor in Council for approval to establish Doomadgee as a welfare reform community area.
6. *Attachments*
* [Family Responsibilities Commission Amendment Regulation (No.1) 2014](Attachments/Reg.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)