1. The Cape York Welfare Reform Trial (the Trial) operates in the communities of Hope Vale, Aurukun, Mossman Gorge and Coen. Cape York 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 State Government has approved a 12 month extension of the Trial to 31 December 2014.
3. The Families Responsibilities Commission (FRC), a central feature of the Trial, is a statutory body established under the *Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008*. 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. To enable the continued operation of the Trial and the FRC for a further 12 months, the *Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008* will be amended so that the Act expires on 1 January 2015.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Family Responsibilities Commission Amendment Bill 2013 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Family Responsibilities Commission Amendment Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)