1. The Minister for Natural Resources and Mines established a stakeholder roundtable to provide advice and feedback on state leasehold land rental issues specific to the tourism sector on 24 June 2013. Interim advice from the roundtable was that it had agreed that government should consider improved tenure security options to assist in attracting investment in the tourism sector.
2. In addition to the roundtable advice, a number of offshore island tourism lessees had sought meetings with government seeking increased tenure security to facilitate investment. These include the lessees of Fitzroy, Lindeman, Dent, Hamilton, Brampton, Great Keppel and Day Dream Islands.
3. A policy framework has been prepared to increase the flexibility and security of leasehold tenure options. The proposed policy will allow lessees holding existing exclusive tenure issued for tourism purposes and proponents of new tourism developments to seek more secure leasehold tenure.
4. Cabinet endorsed that conversion of offshore tourism leases to freehold tenure is not supported without specific Cabinet approval, and that the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines prepare a policy to that effect, to be applied when deciding application for grant of new tenure and for tenure conversion.
5. Cabinet endorsed the implementation of all proposed options for more secure leasehold tenure for offshore island tourism developments where possible and appropriate, being:
* rolling leases;
* consolidation of ancillary land based term leases into existing perpetual leases;
* 50 plus 49 year leases for significant developments;
* conversion of existing term leases to perpetual leases following significant development; and
* a specific category of short-term lease for the development stage of a new significant project.
1. Cabinet noted a case management approach would be adopted to provide a single point of contact for industry to improve tourism tenure on offshore Queensland islands.
2. *Attachments*
* Nil.