1. In July 2012, the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry led by the Honourable Tim Carmody QC, was established. The Commission was tasked with reviewing the entire child protection system and to chart a road map for the state’s child protection system for the next decade.
2. The Commission found that, despite the hard work and good intentions of many and the large amounts of money invested in it since 2000, the child protection system is not ensuring the safety, wellbeing and best interests of children as it should or could.
3. The overarching tenet of the report is clear in that parents (and families) should take primary responsibility for the protection of their children and that, where appropriate, parents should receive the support and guidance they need to keep their children safe. It is only as a last resort that the Government should intervene in a statutory role to ensure the protection of children who are at “significant” risk of harm.
4. The Commission’s 121 recommendations comprise the Child Protection Reform Roadmap which gives government detailed directions about how the reform process should be undertaken
5. The Government Response is fully supportive of the Commission’s roadmap. Of the 121 recommendations:
* 115 are accepted
* six are accepted in-principle (Recommendations 5.4, 8.9, 10.3, 11.7, 13.11, and 13.18).
1. Cabinet approved the Government Response to the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry Final Report, *Taking Responsibility: A Roadmap for Queensland Child Protection*.
2. Cabinet noted that the Government Response would be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.
3. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry Final Report, *Taking Responsibility: A Roadmap for Queensland Child Protection*](Attachments/report%202.pdf)
* [Government Response to the Final Report](Attachments/Response.pdf)