1. Between 2002 and 2006, alcohol management strategies were implemented in 19 discrete Indigenous communities. Eighteen of the communities were declared alcohol restricted areas under the *Liquor Act 1992*, with a prescribed alcohol carriage limit. In December 2004, the Indigenous community of Cherbourg declared ‘dry places’ under the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities (Justice, Land and Other Matters) Act 1984*, which prohibited drinking in certain public areas, instead of declaring an alcohol carriage limit.
2. Amendments to the Liquor Act commencing in July 2008 prohibit drinking in public places for all 19 communities, making dry place declarations in public areas redundant. Cherbourg therefore currently does not have regulated alcohol restrictions in place.
3. Sections 173G and 173H of the Liquor Actprovide that a regulation may be made to declare a restricted area for any area in Queensland, including a community area or part thereof, and for the application of alcohol carriage limits within that restricted area.
4. The declaration of alcohol restrictions for Cherbourg is proposed, with a prescribed alcohol carriage limit of one carton of light or mid-strength beer, to commence in March 2009.
5. A range of initiatives aimed at reducing alcohol demand and the harms associated with alcohol abuse in Cherbourg are also being implemented. Additional services to support the Cherbourg community include drug and alcohol treatment services, diversionary services and increased police support based in nearby Murgon.
6. Cabinet approved that the *Liquor Amendment Regulation (No. 4)* be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
7. Cabinet endorsed the package of services proposed to coincide with implementation of alcohol restrictions.
8. *Attachments*
* [*Liquor Amendment Regulation (No. 4)*](Attachments/08SL415.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/08SL415E.pdf)