1. The Cape York Welfare Reform (CYWR) Trial commenced in July 2008 and aims to build stronger and more resilient communities; re-establish local Indigenous authority; enable children to achieve their full potential; support engagement in the real economy; and move individuals and families from welfare housing to home ownership. The Trial operates in Aurukun, Hope Vale, Coen and Mossman Gorge with the support of local stakeholders.
2. A critical element of the Trial is the Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) established under the *Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008* (the FRC Act). The FRC Act expires on 1 January 2012. FRC operations are due to cease on 31 December 2011, while the related CYWR Trial governance, program management, services and activities are funded until 30 June 2012.
3. In July 2011, Cabinet approved the extension of the Trial in all existing Trial communities to 31 December 2012.
4. To support the continued operations of the FRC until 31 December 2012, a Bill has now been prepared to amend the expiry of the FRC Act to 1 January 2013.
5. This Bill also includes technical amendments to the *Child Protection Act 1999* to make provision for a new temporary custody order.
6. In addition, minor amendments to the *Adoption Act 2009* and the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2003* have been included to allow for the registration of inter-country adoptions that are assessed in Queensland but where the final adoption order is issued overseas. Registering the adoption will enable all children adopted from overseas, under the *Adoption Act 2009*, to access Queensland birth certificates for the purpose of identification.
7. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Family Responsibilities Commission and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 into the Legislative Assembly.
8. Attachments
* [Family Responsibilities Commission and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2011](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Explan%20Notes.pdf)