1. There is widespread community concern about crime and Queensland communities are seeking more effective responses to youth crime, in particular. This Government has delivered the first step towards reforming the youth justice system with the introduction of the trial of youth boot camps and the announcement of the review of the *Youth Justice Act 1992* as part of the Government’s Six Month Action Plan (January to June 2013).
2. The Government proposes to build on this first step by expanding the youth boot camp trial to three new locations and developing a *Youth Justice Blueprint* to provide for future reforms that will deliver a safer Queensland.
3. The first sentenced youth boot camp, targeted at young offenders who would otherwise be sentenced to detention, is being trialled in the Cairns and surrounding areas. It is proposed to expand this model to Townville to address the increasing number of young offenders committing serious and dangerous crimes in the area.
4. The early intervention youth boot camp, targeting young people not in the justice system but identified as being at high risk of entering and becoming entrenched in it, is currently being trialled on the Gold Coast. It is proposed to expand the early intervention trial to Rockhampton and Hervey Bay to provide a response to the increasing number of young people in these areas that are displaying high levels of anti-social behaviour but are not yet involved in the justice system.
5. The development of a *Youth Justice Blueprint* is driven by the need to reform the youth justice system to break the cycle of youth offending, make Queensland communities safer and provide opportunities for young people and their families to get back on track. To inform the Blueprint it is proposed that a Youth Justice Blueprint Discussion Paper be released for community consultation to seek input from the people of Queensland.
6. Cabinet approved the release of the Draft *Youth Justice Blueprint* Discussion Paper and the expansion of the youth boot camp trial.
7. *Attachments*
* [Draft *Youth Justice Blueprint* Discussion Paper](Attachments/Discussion%20paper.PDF)