1. In 2006, Queensland Corrective Services conducted a review to examine the roles and functions of correctional facilities in Queensland. The review resulted in the public release of the report entitled, *A Review of the Roles and Functions of Correctional Centres in Queensland – 2006-2015*, which was designed to provide a guide for planning, the effective distribution of resources and the implementation of logical and sound operational responses for correctional facilities over a ten year period.
2. The Roles and Functions review found that Work Camps provide numerous social and economic benefits for Queensland communities, and recommended an increase in the number of Work Camps. These benefits include engaging low risk offenders in meaningful, community-based work which provides significant rehabilitation and reintegration opportunities, as well as direct economic advantages to the communities in which the Work Camps are located.
3. A central recommendation of the review was the reform of the low security model of open custody ‘prison farms’ to provide similar opportunities to those found at Work Camps and better prepare prisoners for release.
4. Based on the recommendations of the Roles and Functions review, a reform of the low security correctional model is proposed.
5. It is proposed that Queensland Corrective Services will conduct community consultation with key stakeholders and community representatives across Queensland in order to gauge community support for, and input into, the proposed reform of low security custody.
6. A Green Paper has been prepared to comprehensively detail the proposed future low security model. The paper will encourage stakeholders to consider the transition and provide feedback to Queensland Corrective Services on all aspects of the proposed model.
7. Cabinet approved the release of a Green Paper: *Reform of Low Security Custody in Queensland*.
8. Cabinet approved the commencement of public consultation on the proposed reform of low security custody.
9. *Attachments*
* [Green Paper: *Reform of Low Security Custody in Queensland*](attachments/greenpaper.pdf)