1. The Member for Burdekin, Mrs Menkens MP, introduced the Carers (Recognition) Bill 2008 as a Private Member’s Bill on 4 June 2008. The Explanatory Notes to the Bill stated that the objective of the legislation was to provide for the recognition of carers and the important contribution they make to the community.
2. Proposed amendments to the Bill include:
* Inserting an objects clause that will recognise the valuable contribution, including the economic contribution and benefit made by carers to those they care for and to the community; and provide a mechanism for the involvement of carers in the provision of services that impact on carers and the role of carers.
* Amending the definition of ‘carer’ to exclude a volunteer under the auspices of a voluntary organisation; to require a personal relationship and leave outside its scope a person who assists another in a routine domestic setting.
* Inserting a preamble to the Queensland Carers’ Charter that will add emphasis to the charter and objects.
* Requiring mandatory reporting by public authorities through their annual reports.
* Power for the Minister to establish a Carers’ Advisory Council to provide general advice to the Minister on the interests of carers and to promote compliance with the legislation by public authorities.
1. Cabinet approved that the Carers (Recognition) Bill 2008 be supported subject to amendment during consideration in detail
2. Cabinet approved that the Minister for Communities, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Seniors and Youth circulate the proposed amendments and explanatory notes in the Legislative Assembly.
3. *Attachments*
* [Amendments moved during consideration in detail of the Carers (Recognition) Bill 2008](attachments/Amend%20agreed%20during%20Consideration_CRBill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes to the amendments moved during consideration in detail of the Carers (Recognition) Bill 2008](attachments/ExpNotes%20for%20Amend%20Moved%20during%20Consider_CRBill.pdf)
* [Original Carers (Recognition) Bill 2008](attachments/Carers%20Recognition%20Bill.pdf)
* [Original Explanatory Notes](attachments/Carers%20Recognition%20Bill%20EXPNOTES.pdf)