1. The Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC), a central feature of welfare reform, is a statutory body established under the *Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008*. The FRC operates to restore local Indigenous authority and build stronger and more resilient communities by attaching behavioural obligations to the receipt of welfare payments.
2. The FRC has comprised the Commissioner, the Deputy-Commissioner and 19 Local Commissioners drawn from the Cape York Welfare Reform communities. The FRC Commissioner and Local Commissioners hold conferences with community members who are within the jurisdiction of the FRC to address the behaviour of individuals who are notified to the FRC and to take action under the Act.
3. Welfare reform is an approach to community development that commenced in 2008 in the communities of Hope Vale, Aurukun, Mossman Gorge and Coen. The program is now to be extended to Doomadgee.
4. Additional Local Commissioners were not only required to operate in Doomadgee, but to also assist with conferencing in both Mossman Gorge and Hope Vale.
5. Cabinet approved a recommendation to the Governor in Council for the appointment of the below Local Commissioners to the FRC from the date of Governor in Council approval to
1 January 2015:
* Ms Cheryl Cannon (Hope Vale);
* Mr Hadlee Gibson (Mossman Gorge); and
* Councillor Elaine Cairns, Mr Guy Douglas, Mr David Gallagher, Ms Karen Jupiter, Mr Christopher Logan, Ms Eleanor Logan, Ms Kaylene O’Keefe and Ms Isabel Toby (Doomadgee).
1. *Attachments*
* Nil.