



Mr Peter Dowling MP
Chairman, Health and Community Services Committee
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Dear Mr Peter Dowling MP,

Re: Family Responsibilities Commission Amendment Bill 2012

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter as a submission to the Family Responsibilities Commission Amendment Bill 2012.

The Health and Community Services Committee (the Committee) is largely confining its examination of the Family Responsibilities Commission Act (the FRC Act) to operational matters. That is, the necessary amendments to the FRC Act to ensure that the operations of the Family Responsibilities Commission (the FRC) are extended by 12 months and amending the provision that requires all three Family Responsibilities Board members to attend Board meetings to now provide for a quorum of two members.

The Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership (the Institute) is finalising a paper that will seek further amendments to the FRC Act for operation in 2013. The Institute's review of the FRC has found that there is scope to amend the FRC Act to provide additional tools to the FRC to help resolve intractable cases of antisocial behaviour that is not in the best interests of children in the community.

The Institute looks forward to working with the Queensland Government over the coming months to ensure that the amendments we seek are supported and enacted. Thus, providing the FRC with the tools necessary to consolidate the gains made in terms of the safety, wellbeing and welfare of the people in the communities, particularly for women and children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Jose'.

Fiona Jose
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