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Dear Committee Members

FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2013

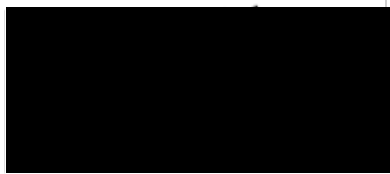
The Commission would like to respond with comments on the above Bill as follows.

The Commission supports in its entirety:

- Clause 1: Act to be cited as the *Family Responsibilities Commission Amendment Act 2013*
- Clause 2: Act to amend the *Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008*
- Clause 3: proposed amendment to s152 which will extend the expiration of the Act from 1 January 2014 to 1 January 2015
- Clause 4: proposed amendment to s155 which will extend the vacation of the Commissioners and Board members from 1 January 2014 to 1 January 2015
- Clause 5: proposed amendment of s156 to preserve the life of agreements or orders for the life of the order or until 1 January 2015 (whichever is earliest).

The Commission supports the objective of the Bill which is to ensure that the operations of the Family Responsibilities Commission are extended by 12 months. The extension of the trial will assist the Commission to build upon the achievements gained since 2008 in the communities of Aurukun, Coen, Hope Vale and Mossman Gorge. The above amendments will not only facilitate the continued operation of the Commission until January 2015, but will also improve the efficiency of the Family Responsibilities Board to meet legislative requirements.

Yours sincerely



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Family Responsibilities Commission