

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Report No. 13

Working with Children Legislation (Indigenous Communities) Amendment Bill 2018

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION

On 17 October 2018, Mr Robert Katter MP, Member for Traeger, introduced the Working with Children Legislation (Indigenous Communities) Amendment Bill 2018 (the Private Member's Bill). The Bill was referred to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee for detailed consideration.

On 15 November 2018, the Committee of the Legislative Assembly resolved that the Education, Employment and Small Business Committee (EESBC) would examine and report on the Private Member's Bill.

On 14 February 2019, the EESBC tabled Report No. 13 which recommended the Private Member's Bill not be passed (**Recommendation 1**).

An additional recommendation in Report No. 13 was directed at Government.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation 2 -

The committee recommends the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Leader of the House provide the committee with a progress report on implementation of the Queensland Family and Child Commission Blue Card Review recommendation for reform to how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are supported (**Recommendation 73**) by 31 July 2020.

Queensland Government response:

Supported. The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Leader of the House will provide a status update on the progress of the development and implementation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy and Action Plan to the EESBC by 31 July 2020.