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Dear Senator 

Thank you for your letter of 5 December 2013 about the Inquiry into Schedule 2 of the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 generally and, more specifically, the proposed amendments to the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* (the Act) to enable income management to continue in Cape York for a further two years.

As you would be aware, the Queensland Government has extended funding for the Cape York Welfare Reform trial to the end of 2014. Income management is a critical and valued component of the Families Responsibility Commission and the broader welfare reform program. It is considered vital to changing behaviour and increasing social function in the communities.

As such, the Queensland Government supports the proposed amendments to the Act to enable income management to continue in Cape York for a further two years.

Thank you again for writing to me about this matter.

 Yours sincerely

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