



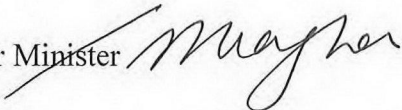
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Dear Minister 

On 11 November 2020, I announced a new Cabinet and reaffirmed our commitment to Queenslanders to provide a strong, stable majority Government, and to drive the Queensland Government's policy agenda.

The Government's objectives for the community are comprehensive and include safeguarding our health, supporting jobs, backing small business, supporting Making it for Queensland and Building Queensland, growing our regions, investing in skills, backing our frontline services and protecting the environment.

Queenslanders have entrusted us with providing principled and stable government, and delivering on the promises we made. It is critical to work hard to prove ourselves worthy of this trust.

For this reason, I write to outline the delivery priorities to meet our Government's objectives. For many of these delivery priorities, it will be essential that you work closely and constructively with other Ministers to deliver the best outcome for Queenslanders and drive our response and recovery from COVID-19 in the short and long-term.

The attached Portfolio Priorities Statement defines your key priorities for this term of Government. It is intended that these priorities will also inform Chief Executive Officer performance agreements and shape the functions and activities of departments and agencies.

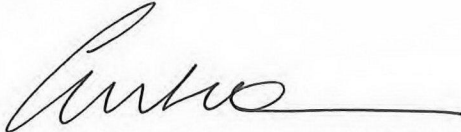
As part of these delivery priorities, it will be essential that you focus attention on your role in Australia's intergovernmental relations architecture to ensure Queensland's interests are proactively represented and the benefits to Queenslanders are maximised. This will include the National Cabinet Reform Committees, National Federation Reform Council Taskforces, the updated Ministerial Forum structures and new processes for development and finalisation of intergovernmental agreements.

I intend to regularly meet with you to discuss progress in implementing the actions identified.

I expect that at all times, Ministers will make all decisions and take all actions in the public's interest without regard to personal, party political or other immaterial considerations. I refer you to Governing Queensland, on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet website at <https://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/publications/categories/policies-and-codes/handbooks.aspx> for a suite of policy and administrative handbooks.

I look forward to working closely with you to deliver great outcomes for Queensland.

Yours sincerely



**ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP  
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND  
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# Portfolio Priorities Statement

**Minister:** Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs

**Department:** Environment and Science

*The Hon Meaghan Scanlon MP*

## Whole-of-Government Priorities

<b>Overarching Direction</b>	All Ministers to work together to deliver the government's objectives for the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safeguarding our health;</li><li>• Supporting jobs;</li><li>• Backing small business;</li><li>• Making it for Queensland;</li><li>• Building Queensland;</li><li>• Growing our regions;</li><li>• Investing in skills;</li><li>• Backing our frontline services; and</li><li>• Protecting the environment.</li></ul>
<b>Consultation</b>	All Ministers and their staff to meet regularly with the community and key stakeholders to inform policy development and achieve the best outcomes for all Queenslanders.
<b>Integrity and Accountability</b>	All Ministers and their staff demonstrate transparent, accountable and ethical behaviour and make all decisions and take all actions in the public interest without regard to personal, party political or other immaterial considerations.
<b>Collaboration</b>	All Ministers, supported by their Chief Executive Officers, establish strong working relationships across portfolios to deliver the Government's priorities.
<b>Investing in Our People</b>	All Ministers support their Chief Executive Officers to focus on motivating and increasing the capability of the public sector.

## Government Commitments

<b>Election Commitments</b>	All Ministers prioritise the delivery of all election commitments.
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## Delivery Priorities

<b>Environment and Heritage Protection</b>	<p>Continue to lead implementation of the Queensland Government's <i>Climate Adaptation Strategy</i> and <i>Climate Transition Strategy</i>.</p> <p>Oversee the development of the Climate Action Plan 2020-2030, through consultation with industry and community and generate actions to reduce emissions and sustainability initiatives.</p> <p>Oversee the implementation of the <i>Protected Area Strategy 2020-2030</i>.</p> <p>Work with retailers, local government, the waste and resource recovery industry, and the community to ban more single-use polystyrene and other plastics.</p> <p>Oversee the development and implementation of an Organic Waste Strategy.</p> <p>Continue to implement the Government's reforms to mine rehabilitation and financial assurance.</p> <p>Oversee the implementation of the <i>South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy 2020-2025</i>.</p> <p>Continue to work with the Treasurer and Minister for Investment and stakeholders to implement the flagship \$500 million Land Restoration Fund.</p> <p>Continue to work with the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, and the Minister for Resources as well as First Nations people, industry bodies, stakeholders and communities to ensure adequate protection of Lake Eyre Basin streams and watercourses is balanced with economic development.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships to support the implementation of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap including the development of a jurisdictional implementation plan in a co-design approach with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders and their representatives.</p> <p>Continue to work with the Minister for Tourism Industry Development and Innovation and Minister for Sport to identify opportunities to support the growth of the ecotourism industry in Queensland and the tourism sector's recovery from COVID-19.</p>
<b>Great Barrier Reef</b>	<p>Continue the implementation of the Great Barrier Reef Water Quality Program and meet commitments in the <i>Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan</i> and the <i>Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan</i>.</p> <p>Implement the government's enhanced reef regulations to drive down pollution from land uses in reef catchments.</p> <p>Lead the delivery of the Government's Healthy Reef, Healthy Environment, Health Economy policy and help protect the Great Barrier Reef through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementing the Island Arks project and working with Traditional Owners to co-manage key ecological and cultural sites;</li> <li>• Overseeing the Reef Credits program to accelerate water quality improvements;</li> <li>• Overseeing the Reef Assist Program to partner with local government and natural resource management organisations; and</li> <li>• To support jobs, invest in skills and protect the environment, work with the Treasurer and Minister for Investment to evaluate and adapt Reef Assist as a template for the delivery of conservation and land management jobs across Queensland.</li> </ul> <p>Continue to work with the Minister for Tourism Industry Development and Innovation and Minister for Sport to identify opportunities to support sustainable growth of the ecotourism industry on the Great Barrier Reef including developing Reef Trails to improve access to the Great Barrier Reef through public moorings and non-anchoring zones.</p>

	<p>Work with all Cabinet Ministers to identify opportunities to support innovative projects that will have an overall positive impact on the health of the Great Barrier Reef catchment.</p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>Continue to strengthen existing international science partnerships and identify opportunities to develop new international partnerships to maintain Queensland's global reputation as a science leader.</p> <p>Support the Chief Scientist to deliver the Advance Queensland: Engaging Queenslanders in Science strategy including through National Science Week, Partner Up Queensland and the Engaging Science Grants.</p> <p>Foster research and innovation in Queensland.</p>
<b>Youth Affairs</b>	<p>Continue to lead implementation of, and engagement of stakeholders on, the <i>Queensland Youth Strategy: Building young Queenslanders for a global future</i> and action schedule.</p> <p>Engage with young people and key stakeholders and work with other Ministers to facilitate social and economic opportunities for young Queenslanders.</p> <p>Promote the <i>Queensland Youth Engagement Charter</i> to encourage engagement with young people throughout program and policy development.</p> <p>Lead the government's response to the delivery of a safe and enjoyable Schoolies.</p> <p>Support the Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts in the development of a Youth Homelessness Policy.</p>
<b>National Agreements, National Partnerships &amp; Significant National Reform Projects</b>	<p>Support the Treasurer and Minister for Investment in relation to negotiation, management and implementation of any intergovernmental funding agreements relevant to your portfolio.</p> <p>Represent Queensland on the Meeting of Environment Ministers.</p> <p>Represent Queensland on the Legislative and Governance Forum on Gene Technology, noting National Cabinet has determined this group should only meet on an as-needed basis.</p>