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The Honourable Mick de Brenni MP Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement 1 William Street Brisbane Old 4000

Dear Minister MM.

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 MINISTER FOR TRADE

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Portfolio Priorities Statement

Minister: Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement

Department: Energy and Public Works

The Hon Michael de Brenni MP

Whole-of-Government Priorities

Overarching Direction	All Ministers to work together to deliver the government's objectives for the community:
	 Backing our frontline services; and Protecting the environment.
Consultation	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.
Integrity and Accountability	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.
Collaboration	All Ministers, supported by their Chief Executive Officers, establish strong working relationships across portfolios to deliver the Government's priorities.
Investing in Our People	All Ministers support their Chief Executive Officers to focus on motivating and increasing the capability of the public sector.

Government Commitments

Election Commitments All Ministers prioritise the delivery of all election commitments.

Energy – including Renewables and Hydrogen

Continue to advance the state-wide hydro-electric study under the *Powering North Queensland Plan.*

Work with other Ministers to coordinate a strategy to deliver the 50% renewable target, create jobs and maintain low electricity prices for the benefit of all Queenslanders.

Develop three new renewable energy zones in North Queensland, Central Queensland and Southern Queensland to connect new renewable energy to the power network and create connected commercial and industrial power hubs across the State.

Work with the Treasurer and Minister for Investment to deliver 1000MW of renewable energy generation by 2025, and assist CleanCo in delivering the remainder of its projects for Queensland.

Lead the investment in the development of Queensland's Hydrogen industry, working with the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning to:

- Deliver the additional \$10 million committed to the Hydrogen Industry Development Fund;
- Drive the development of an economically sustainable and competitive hydrogen industry through the continued implementation of the Queensland Hydrogen Industry Strategy; and
- Build community awareness of the hydrogen industry and facilitate skills development for new technologies.

Support the Treasurer and Minister for Investment in the establishment of a Renewable Energy Fund, with up to \$500 million for energy Government-Owned Corporations to increase ownership of commercial renewable energy projects and supporting infrastructure, including in partnership with the private sector.

Work with the Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development and the Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing to promote new school training facilities to prepare students for jobs in the hydrogen industry, including the upgrade at Gladstone State High School.

Work with the Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development to build a new Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Training facility to prepare Queenslanders for the jobs of the future.

Public Works

Oversee the implementation of the building industry fairness reforms including the project trust account framework and the statutory review of the role of developers in the building and construction industry, to support delivery of the Government's landmark security of payment reforms.

Deliver the outcomes of the Ministerial Construction Council's review of the fire protection regulatory framework and address the non-rectification of defective fire protection systems.

Continue to investigate and implement actions to address non-conforming building products in Queensland for the health and safety of Queenslanders.

Strengthen the Queensland Home Warranty Scheme, including consideration of a rating system to encourage quality building outcomes and coverage of residential buildings exceeding three storeys.

Work with the sector to ensure that licenses in the building and construction industry meet the professional standards that Queensland consumers and households deserve.

Procurement

Continue to implement the Buy Queensland approach under the *Backing Queensland Jobs: Queensland Government Procurement Strategy 2017* to support Queensland industries to recover from COVID-19.

Oversee the enhancements to the Buy Queensland approach including the formation of the independent tripartite panel (including a union representative); delivery of the best practice prequalification framework and the establishment and operation of the Buy Queensland procurement compliance function.

Establish an independent tripartite panel, including a union representative, that will advise on penalties and sanctions for breaches of the Ethical Supplier Mandate.

Work with the Minister for Transport and Main Roads to develop a set of Best Practice Industry Conditions for civil construction within the Transport Infrastructure and Services procurement category.

Work with the Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development to assist small businesses in achieving and benefiting from the procurement target.

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.

National
Agreements,
National
Partnerships &
Significant National
Reform Projects

Support the Treasurer and Minister for Investment in relation to negotiation, management and implementation of any intergovernmental funding agreements relevant to your portfolio.

Represent Queensland on the Energy National Cabinet Reform Committee.

Represent Queensland on the Energy Ministers' Meeting.

Represent Queensland on the Building Ministers' Meeting, noting National Cabinet has determined this group should only meet on an as-needed basis.