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Dear Attorney-General

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.

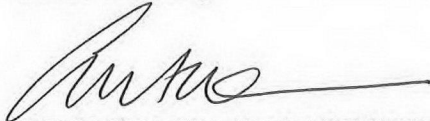
As part of these delivery priorities, it will be essential that you focus attention on your role in Australia's intergovernmental relations architecture to ensure Queensland's interests are proactively represented and the benefits to Queenslanders are maximised. This will include the National Cabinet 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

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**ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND
MINISTER FOR TRADE**

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Portfolio Priorities Statement

Minister: Attorney-General and Minister for Justice,
Minister for Women and Minister for the
Prevention of Domestic and Family
Violence

The Hon Shannon Fentiman MP

Department(s): Justice and Attorney-General

Public Trust Office

Whole-of-Government Priorities

Overarching Direction	All Ministers to work together to deliver the government's objectives for the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safeguarding our health;• Supporting jobs;• Backing small business;• Making it for Queensland;• Building Queensland;• Growing our regions;• Investing in skills;• 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.
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Delivery Priorities

Justice

Deliver an effective, responsive and efficient justice system that underpins a just and safe Queensland. A justice system informed by:

- the continuation of the Specialist Magistrates Court for Domestic and Family Violence and expansion of specialist domestic violence approaches in other locations;
- the continuation of specialist courts and court diversion programs such as Courtlink, the Murri Court, Drug and Alcohol Court and other court diversion programs, and the evaluation of those courts and programs; and
- consideration of any strategies and practices that continue to address demand management across the system.

Work with the Premier, the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services to introduce legislation to provide for the legalisation of voluntary assisted dying.

Deliver effective laws and responsive systems that target criminal behaviour strategically, including supporting implementation of the *Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016-26*.

Continue to deliver key initiatives of the Government's Tackling Alcohol Fuelled Violence policies.

Continue to provide regulatory oversight, compliance assessment and approvals to ensure the integrity of gaming for the Queen's Wharf Brisbane development.

Deliver effective laws and responsive systems that target criminal behaviour strategically, including through overseeing a taskforce focused on examining a new offence of 'Commit Domestic Violence.'

Continue the review of the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997*.

Continue to develop a comprehensive framework to address gambling harm, and work with the gambling industry on further development and implementation of gambling harm minimisation measures.

Continue the implementation of the Government's Plan for *Action on Ice* to address use and harm caused by crystal methamphetamine.

Introduce the *Criminal Code (Consent and Mistake of Fact) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020* into Parliament.

Continue to consult with key industry stakeholders on the review and modernisation of the *Property Law Act 1974*.

Continue to implement the regulatory framework for incorporated associations and co-operatives.

Consult with a range of key stakeholders and lead the comprehensive review of the *Justices Act 1886* and the *Criminal Practice Rules 1999*.

Consult with key stakeholders on the review and modernisation of the *Trusts Act 1973*.

Oversee a roundtable of stakeholders and consider the reviews proposed by the interest group, including:

- Changes to terminology in the Mental Health Court
- Amendments relating to the right to silence; and
- Introduction of the ability for the prosecution to introduce evidence of a defendant's bad character at trial.

In the age of surveillance, protect the privacy of Queenslanders including their digital security by introducing comprehensive laws based on the recommendations of the Queensland Law Reform Commission.

Request the Queensland Family and Child Commission to undertake a culturally-appropriate community conversation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people about their interactions with the justice system as part of the *Growing Up in Queensland* survey.

	Support the Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships to publicly report on acceptance and findings arising from the Royal Commission into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability.
Women	<p>Lead implementation of <i>Prevent. Support. Believe. Queensland's Framework to address Sexual Violence</i>, including development of the first Action Plan.</p> <p>Lead continuing implementation of, and engagement of stakeholders on the <i>Queensland Women's Strategy 2016-21</i>.</p> <p>Develop and implement a refreshed Women's Strategy.</p> <p>Support the Minister for Tourism Industry Development and Innovation and Minister for Sport to implement women's economic development initiatives such as the Female Founders program, the Women's Research Assistance Program, and the Queensland Women in STEM prize.</p>
Domestic and Family Violence Prevention	<p>Continue to support the implementation and monitoring of the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016-26</i>.</p> <p>Continue to support the implementation of the Government's <i>Third Action Plan</i> (2019-20 to 2021-22) of the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy and subsequent plans.</p> <p>Continue to engage with organisations to provide culturally appropriate domestic and family violence services throughout the State.</p> <p>Continue to support the work of the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council.</p> <p>Lead work with other portfolios and Ministers to co-ordinate the Government's roll-out of domestic violence reforms.</p> <p>Implement the Government's commitment to legislate against coercive control as a form of domestic and family violence, and lead the consultation with survivors, the community, domestic violence service providers, legal experts, and the Domestic Violence Prevention Council.</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>
National Agreements, National Partnerships & Significant National Reform Projects	<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 Attorneys-General Meeting, noting National Cabinet has determined the group should only meet on an as-needed basis.</p> <p>Represent Queensland on the Legislative and Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs.</p> <p>Represent Queensland on the National Federation Reform Council Taskforce on Women's Safety.</p>