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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.

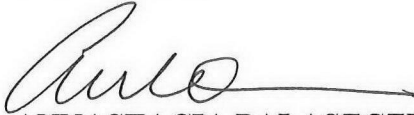
As part of these delivery priorities, it will be essential that you focus attention on your role in Australia's intergovernmental relations architecture to ensure Queensland's interests are proactively represented and the benefits to Queenslanders are maximised. This will include the National Cabinet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



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Portfolio Priorities Statement

Minister: Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water

Department: Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water

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Whole-of-Government Priorities

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

Government Commitments

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

Regional Development	<p>Enhance engagement in regional communities, particularly working with key stakeholders including local government, industry and peak bodies to create jobs and grow regional economies.</p> <p>Continue to work with relevant Ministers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver regional economic development opportunities including coordinated projects associated with mining and mining infrastructure, renewable energy, and clean energy technology manufacturing and industrial processes; • Support regional infrastructure and related initiatives to respond to the impacts of COVID-19; and • Identify regional economic opportunities, improve the competitiveness of regional business and support the creation of jobs in regions. <p>Deliver the Building our Regions program.</p> <p>Coordinate Queensland's response to the Australian Government policy for the development of Northern Australia.</p> <p>Work closely with the Premier and Minister for Trade and the Office of Rural and Regional Queensland to support the Advancing Queensland's Regions – Regional Community Forum.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing, and Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development to support the building and upgrade of regional industry-linked school training facilities in priority industries such as hydrogen, aquaculture, agriculture, manufacturing, defence aviation and aerospace.</p>
Manufacturing	<p>Oversee the <i>Making it in Queensland: Building a Stronger Manufacturing Sector</i> policy by working closely with industry reference groups including chairing the Manufacturing Ministerial Council.</p> <p>Continue to implement a comprehensive strategy to protect jobs in key regional industries (such as the meatworks industry) to grow regional economies and create long-term jobs.</p> <p>Continue to engage with the manufacturing hubs to provide outcomes and create jobs in regional Queensland including the establishment of two hubs in Mackay and on the Gold Coast.</p> <p>Continue to support Queensland's manufacturing sector through the provision of grants under the Made in Queensland grants program, including a further \$15.5 million boost.</p> <p>Continue to implement the <i>Queensland Advanced Manufacturing 10-Year Roadmap and Action Plan</i>.</p> <p>Enhance Queensland's manufacturing capability through the establishment of Manufacturing Skills Queensland.</p> <p>Critically examine new opportunities for advanced manufacturing particularly in areas of pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and supplies, marine, aviation and mining equipment and technology to generate the jobs of the future, including high value, highly-skilled jobs.</p> <p>Continue to oversee the 'Making it for Queensland', growing the State's local advanced manufacturing capacity to ensure the ongoing supply of essential goods, such as food and household products, particularly to regional and remote areas of Queensland.</p> <p>Support Queensland manufacturers to increase the production capacity of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other essential products through the \$50 million Essential Goods and Supply Chain grant program, focusing on the response to COVID-19, long-term manufacturing opportunities and the goal of 25 per cent of Government purchased PPE to be manufactured in Queensland.</p>

	<p>Continue to support priority industries to develop and create jobs across regional Queensland through Advance Queensland Industry Roadmap initiatives and other priority sectors.</p> <p>Deliver a Rail Manufacturing Strategy for Queensland to transform Queensland's rail manufacturing sector to be a sustainable, leading provider of rail manufacturing products and services with the capacity to capture a significant portion of the national rail market.</p> <p>Oversee the implementation of the <i>Queensland Craft Brewing Strategy</i> to support the industry to develop its capability and capacity through access to new markets and increasing its economic contribution to create direct and indirect jobs, attract private sector investment and facilitate innovation.</p> <p>Work with Rockhampton suppliers to identify components that can be manufactured locally to support the renewal of manufacturing in the area and build Queensland's capabilities.</p> <p>Support the Minister for Transport and Main Roads to secure, ongoing and high-skilled manufacturing jobs in regional Queensland through the construction of trains for Cross River Rail in Maryborough.</p>
Water	<p>Continue to ensure that Queensland's catchment-based water plans will provide sustainable water allocation for the environment, agriculture, industries and population centres.</p> <p>Continue to support the delivery of water security for Townsville by providing \$420 million for completion of project milestones, which includes the Haughton Pipeline Stage 2.</p> <p>Work with all levels of Government and project proponents to implement the Queensland bulk water opportunities statement to maximise the benefits of new and existing bulk water supply infrastructure.</p> <p>Continue to improve water security for Queensland communities and industries, in partnership with the Federal Government wherever possible.</p> <p>Continue to strengthen rural water regulation and management through the Rural Water Futures program.</p> <p>Support the agricultural industry through implementing reductions to irrigated and horticultural water costs.</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 Rural and Regional National Cabinet Reform Committee, noting it will also be your responsibility as Queensland's representative to consult with, and represent the views of, the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities.</p> <p>Represent Queensland on the Murray-Darling Basin Ministers' Meeting.</p> <p>Represent Queensland on the Northern Development Ministers' Meeting, noting National Cabinet has determined this group should only meet on an as-needed basis.</p> <p>Represent Queensland on the Water Infrastructure Ministerial Roundtable.</p>