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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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PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND
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Portfolio Priorities Statement

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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

<p>Seniors</p>	<p>Support older people to lead healthy and productive lives and ensure government policies and programs continue to be age friendly.</p> <p>Continue to work with other Ministers to assist Queensland businesses and families in their response to natural disasters and recovery from COVID-19, and support aged care facilities to prepare for, prevent against, and respond to outbreaks.</p> <p>Support the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services and contribute to the reforms to palliative care through the development and implementation of a new Palliative and End-of-Life Care Strategy.</p> <p>Support the Minister for Transport and Main Roads in working with Queensland Rail to investigate implementing a system that facilitates online bookings for senior card holders.</p>
<p>Disability Services</p>	<p>Continue to support vulnerable Queenslanders to lead better lives and maximise opportunities, by working with the Commonwealth Government, and relevant Queensland Government agencies, to ensure effective governance provisions are in place at full scheme of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).</p> <p>Deliver the next <i>All Abilities Queensland Plan</i> in collaboration with the All Abilities Queensland Working Party, focusing on employment opportunities for people with disability.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services to develop an improved service delivery model for forensic disability services in Queensland.</p> <p>Work with the Federal Government to develop the new National Disability Strategy.</p> <p>Work with the Federal Government and other states and territories to progress work towards nationally consistent authorisation processes for restrictive practices.</p> <p>Implement strong safeguards by introducing NDIS worker screening and State Disability worker screening.</p> <p>Continue to support advocacy for people with disability, including through continuing to fund the Queenslanders with Disability Network as the state-wide peak organisation.</p> <p>Work with relevant Ministers to publicly report on acceptance and findings arising from the Royal Commission into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability.</p> <p>Work with the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence to assess options to integrate screening processes and realise efficiencies, including in the areas of working with children checks and disability screening.</p>
<p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</p>	<p>Partner with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, families and communities to support and foster a strong, safe, resilient and thriving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.</p> <p>Continue to implement outstanding actions from the Government response to the <i>Queensland Stolen Wages Reparations Taskforce Report</i>, including leading 'Tracks to Treaty' initiatives - 'Path to Treaty', 'Local Thriving Communities', and the Statement of Commitment outlining the Queensland Government's commitment to reframing the relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.</p> <p>Establish a Treaty Advancement Committee to provide expert advice and guidance to government on options to advance the Path to Treaty process.</p> <p>Lead 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 in consultation with other Ministers.</p> <p>Implement the structures and processes for Torres Strait Islander families to apply for cultural recognition order under the <i>Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa (Torres Strait Islander Traditional Child Rearing Practice) Act 2020</i>.</p>

	<p>Finalise the review of the Cultural Heritage Acts to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistency with the broader objective to reframe the relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; and • That the legislation continues to protect and conserve Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage, while facilitating business and development activity. <p>Continue to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in locally managing their Alcohol Management Plans, including developing and implementing Community Safety Plans, and implementing the strategies tailored to the unique needs and aspirations of each community.</p> <p>Support economic development for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driving the <i>Moving Ahead strategy</i>; supporting the development of policies and programs to increase Indigenous participation in employment and business; and • Supporting economic development opportunities for Traditional Owners. <p>Implement a refreshed Government Champion program to work with communities to improve life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through a collaborative partnership.</p> <p>Continue to support the implementation and monitoring of the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016-26</i> and the strategies within <i>Queensland's Framework for Action – Reshaping our approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander domestic and family violence</i> in conjunction with the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence.</p> <p>Support initiatives under the <i>Queensland Housing Strategy 2017-2027</i> including the <i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan 2019-2023</i>.</p> <p>Continue to support the implementation of the Government's Plan for <i>Action on Ice</i> to address use and harm caused by crystal methamphetamine.</p> <p>Support the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs and the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak to increase the number of community controlled organisations with delegated and cultural authority to make decisions.</p> <p>Support the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services in the development and finalisation of local health equity strategies, through consultation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services sector.</p> <p>Support the Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development in developing a First Nations Training Strategy through consultation with communities to identify training gaps and deliver job-focused training to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including through supporting new and established community-led registered training organisations.</p> <p>Support the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence and 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.</p> <p>Support the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs to oversee the pilot of On Country programs in Cairns, Mount Isa and Townsville through assisting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled organisations in designing and delivering the programs.</p>
<p>National Agreements, National Partnerships & Significant National Reform Projects</p>	<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 National Federation Reform Council Taskforce on Indigenous Affairs.</p> <p>Represent Queensland on the Disability Reform Ministers' Meeting.</p> <p>Represent Queensland on the Joint Council on Closing the Gap.</p>