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The Honourable Amanda Camm MP Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence 1 William Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Minister Amanda

Queenslanders have put their faith in us to deliver a fresh start for our great state. As the Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, you have a critical role to play and that will come with significant responsibility.

The Right Plan for Queensland's Future is a comprehensive plan that will require discipline, focus and unity to deliver.

Together we will ensure safety where people live, provide health services when Queenslanders need them, respect taxpayers' money, deliver a place to call home for Queenslanders, and drive government to work for the people.

It is my expectation that you will work every day of this term of Government to deliver these priorities for Queensland. As Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, you are ultimately responsible for the following Government agencies:

Your portfolio responsibilities

Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety

I want you to closely align your work every day with the following commitments we have made to Queenslanders.

Our fundamental commitment to Queenslanders		
to restore safety where you live		
to reinstate health services when you need them		
to return respect for your money		
to reimagine a place to call home		
to redesign a government that works for you		

I have outlined for each minister the values I want to drive our Government's agenda across the Queensland Government agencies which you have carriage for, these are:

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Core portfolio values	
Department of	Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services
Families, Seniors,	• Ensure Queensland is a society that rewards aspiration and
Disability Services and Child Safety	cares for the vulnerable in our communities.
	Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence
	• Focus on Queenslanders being safe in their homes.
	• You will be one of four ministers charged with reducing
	victim of crime numbers in Queensland.
	• Direct resources to the frontline to improve outcomes for
	at-risk children in Queensland.

In addition to the values outlined above, the key portfolio deliverables that should be your priority include the following:

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	• Increase Child Safety Officer numbers by 20 per cent by 2030.
	• Pilot a new professional foster care program for children with disabilities and complex needs currently in residential care.
	• Conduct extensive consultation in the design and development of Queensland's first Secure Care facility.
	 Increase the allowance for extracurricular activities and education support for children in out of home care.
	• Work to establish an effective independent complaints system in Child Safety which can appropriately deal with complex case complaints.
	• Work with the Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support and Minister for Corrective Services, to reduce the number of young people in care interacting with the criminal justice system.
	• Work with relevant ministers and the Federal Government to implement outstanding recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, and a response to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.
	• Work with the Minister for Transport and Main Roads to make disability parking permits free, to tackle cost-of-living pressures within Queensland's disability community.
	• Following the Parliamentary Inquiry into Elder Abuse, work with relevant ministers to implement recommendations in a timely manner.
	• Ensure government policies, programs and services are age-friendly and inclusive.

I will meet with you regularly to discuss progress in implementing these actions.

We all know that many Queenslanders are struggling under significant cost-of-living pressures. In addition to the deliverables listed above, I urge you to identify opportunities to provide long-term cost-of-living relief through structural improvements and prudent oversight for those portfolio areas for which you have carriage for.

It is critical to remember that every decision a minister makes, and all actions taken, must be in the interest of the Queensland public. It is imperative that those decisions and actions should be made without regard to personal, political or other immaterial considerations.

A strong and stable public service creates a strong and stable Queensland. The Queensland Public Service are integral to being able to implement our ambitious and important agenda for the state.

I expect ministers and their staff will engage with chief executive officers and departmental staff with the highest levels of courtesy and respect. I expect you will be an engaged and visible leader for the public servants in your department, both in the central office and the regions, and that you will strongly support your frontline staff in the important work they do.

Your engagement with the Queensland Public Service should always be in accordance with *The Queensland Ministerial Handbook, Ministerial Code of Conduct, Code of Conduct Ministerial Staff Members*', along with ensuring your staff always adhere to the *Protocols for communication between ministerial staff members and department employees.*

It is also important you familiarise yourself with 'Governing Queensland' for the suite of policy and administrative handbooks. These documents are available on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's website at www.premiers.qld.gov.au. These documents provide an explanation for the processes of Government in Queensland.

We have been given the incredible privilege of serving the people of Queensland as their Government. I look forward to working with you to deliver for every Queenslander.

Yours sincerely

DAVID CRISAFULLI MP PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR VETERANS