



Premier and Minister for Veterans

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Dear Minister

Queenslanders have put their faith in us to deliver a fresh start for our great state. As the Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation, 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 the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation, you are ultimately responsible for the following Government agencies:

Your portfolio responsibilities

Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation

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:

Core portfolio values	
<p>Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation</p>	<p><u>Tourism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a long-term vision for tourism in Queensland leveraging the current and future growth opportunities aligned to events in Queensland. • Unlock the untapped potential of the eco-tourism sector by responsibly working with providers. <p><u>Environment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow Queensland’s protected areas to ensure our state’s rich ecological gifts and natural wonders are maintained and preserved. • Embed conservation through education and experience by enabling sustainable access to Queensland’s natural wonders. • Provide residents, industry and local government unequivocal certainty on decisions that assess environmental impacts, regardless of the decision being a ‘yes’ or ‘no’. <p><u>Science and Innovation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster new opportunities for economic growth in Queensland through advancement and increased productivity in science and innovation.

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

Key portfolio deliverables	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive the Tourism Cabinet Committee to unlock eco-tourism applications faster across Queensland. • Deliver a 20-year Tourism Plan to capitalise on the tourism opportunities from the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. • Provide the committed funding towards the proposed Whitsunday Skyway attraction for the capital costs of construction. • Preserve our environment with an additional focus on local environmental projects. • Work collaboratively with landholders, stakeholders and rangers to enhance invasive species management. • Undertake practical measures to improve the State’s environment including the reduction of litter across our natural environment and a boost to recycling rates. • Work with local governments to upgrade stormwater assets and work toward the Zero Litter to the Bay by 2030 commitment. • Support delivery of promised wildlife hospitals in conjunction with local communities and stakeholders. • Work with the waste industry to explore opportunities for investment in cutting edge waste technologies which

	<p>reduce the impact on the environment and create jobs for Queenslanders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boost the number of Parks and Wildlife Service and Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger program by 150, including the establishment of a Specialist Fire Management Ranger Team of 30 rangers focussed on bushfires in national parks. • Ensure Queensland’s burn strategy is effective to reduce risk of bushfires to life, property and the environment. • Work with the Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership to undertake the Supercharged Solar for Renters scheme, to provide landlords with grants up to \$3,500 to install solar panels on rental properties and drive down electricity bills for tenants across Queensland. • Work toward a new South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy to succeed the 2020–2025 Strategy, to halt the decline of this precious species. • Support farmers to be the environmental stewards of their land and boost our private protected land estate through strategic acquisitions. • Protect our Great Barrier Reef through genuine environmental action, partnering with landholders and industry-led best management practice programs to reduce run-off to the Great Barrier Reef and improve water quality. • Work with the relevant Federal ministers to keep the Great Barrier Reef off the United Nations in-danger listing. • Deliver grassroots environmental projects to deliver our election commitments. • Work in conjunction with the Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers, and the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development, to support the expansion of Natural Resource Management organisations. • Work collaboratively with the Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Home Ownership to progress Queensland toward net zero and reduce our emissions in a sustainable and practical manner. • Work with the Minister for Primary Industries to deliver our Queensland first agricultural innovation fund, the \$30 million Sowing the Seeds of Farming Innovation fund.
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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 Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Crisafulli', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**DAVID CRISAFULLI MP
PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR VETERANS**