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Dear Minister Laura

Queenslanders have put their faith in us to deliver a fresh start for our great state. As the Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support and Minister for Corrective Services, 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 Youth Justice and Victim Support and Minister for Corrective Services, you are ultimately responsible for the following Government agencies:

Your portfolio responsibilities

Department of Youth Justice and Victim Support

Queensland Corrective Services

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

Department of Youth Justice and Victim Support

Queensland Corrective Services

Youth Justice and Victim Support

- You will be one of four ministers charged with reducing victim of crime numbers in Queensland.
- Deliver laws that match community expectations for young people committing serious crime.
- Maintain a strong focus on early intervention and rehabilitation measures for juveniles across the portfolio.
- Work collaboratively with the non-government sector to provide the highest standard of programs for at-risk young people.
- Ensure consequences for offending, a focus on early intervention and rehabilitation, and victims are prioritised in all your work.
- Ensure that victims of crime from across Queensland are appropriately and proactively supported. Victims of crime must always be provided with the upmost support and humanity.

Corrective Services

- Ensure that correctional facilities are a safe place for staff
- Create an environment where correctional facilities are a place where reform can occur for the perpetrators of crime.

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

Key portfolio deliverable

Department of Youth Justice and Victim Support

Queensland Corrective Services

- Work with the Attorney General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity, to pass the *Making Queensland Safer Laws* through Parliament, including Adult Crime, Adult Time, putting victims front and centre, and removing detention as a last resort.
- Establish the expert legal panel to review future stages of Adult Crime, Adult Time.
- Ensure regions across Queensland are appropriately resourced with gold standard early intervention and rehabilitation programs to reduce offending that targets the needs of communities.
- Work with the Minister for Education and the Arts to rollout Crime Prevention and Youth Justice schools across the State.
- Increase transparency of reporting on youth justice.
- Ensure the effective establishment and delivery of *Regional Reset* programs across Queensland, working with stakeholders to give the best chance of success.
- Go to market for Circuit Breaker Sentencing proposals to ensure we have two secure, remote and

- effective centres which provide an alternate to detention and strong focus on rehabilitation.
- Work with ministerial colleagues and the non-government sector to establish and deliver *Staying on Track*, the 12-month rehabilitation program for young people leaving detention.
- Work with the Minister for Education and the Arts to increase school attendance in youth detention.
- Work with the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and other relevant ministers to prevent and reduce youth crime.
- Work with the Minister for Police and Emergency Services to reduce the number of young people in watch houses.
- Work with relevant stakeholders to reform youth detention centres with focus on discipline and rehabilitation.
- Consult with the sector to determine appropriate separation periods following staff assaults in youth detention centres.
- Consult widely and effectively with the Cairns community in choosing the location and design of the new youth detention centre.
- Design and deliver a professional victim advocacy service for victims of crime in Queensland, in consultation with key stakeholders and victims to ensure it is practical and makes a real difference.
- Manage and plan corrective centre capacity to meet demand now and over the coming decade.
- Work with the Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, to deliver a pilot program to put GPS ankle bracelet tracking on high-risk offenders of domestic and family violence.
- Provide Corrective Service Officers with the operational equipment they need to safely and effectively perform their duties.
- Ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Parole Board Queensland.
- Create a safe environment for staff in correctional facilities by giving them the resources and support they need.

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

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