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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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**ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP  
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# Portfolio Priorities Statement

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## Whole-of-Government Priorities

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| <b>Overarching Direction</b>        | <p>All Ministers to work together to deliver the government's objectives for the community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safeguarding our health;</li><li>• Supporting jobs;</li><li>• Backing small business;</li><li>• Making it for Queensland;</li><li>• Building Queensland;</li><li>• Growing our regions;</li><li>• Investing in skills;</li><li>• Backing our frontline services; and</li><li>• Protecting the environment.</li></ul> |
| <b>Consultation</b>                 | <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>   |
| <b>Integrity and Accountability</b> | <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>   |
| <b>Collaboration</b>                | <p>All Ministers, supported by their Chief Executive Officers, establish strong working relationships across portfolios to deliver the Government's priorities.</p>  |
| <b>Investing in Our People</b>      | <p>All Ministers support their Chief Executive Officers to focus on motivating and increasing the capability of the public sector.</p>   |

## Government Commitments

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

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| <b>Children</b>              | <p>Continue the implementation and monitoring of the Government's child and family reform agenda <i>Supporting Families Changing Futures - Advancing Queensland's child protection and family support reforms</i> and implementing any outstanding actions arising from the recommendations of the <i>Keeping Queensland's children more than safe: Review of the Foster Care system</i>, and <i>Partners in Care</i> initiatives.</p> <p>Support the Government's contribution and response to the National Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, including development of a model to support the implementation of Child Safe Standards and a Reportable Conduct Scheme and the coordination and development of annual reporting in relation to the Royal Commission's final report.</p> <p>Continue to progress implementation of, and further amendments to, the <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> to address issues raised in the review and other reports.</p> <p>Continue to lead the implementation of <i>Our Way: A generational strategy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families 2017-2037</i>.</p> <p>Consider options to address and manage the current and future demand on child safety services, including identification of potential efficiencies.</p> <p>Work with other jurisdictions to develop the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children - the successor plan to the <i>National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020</i>.</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 finalise a permanent model for child protection litigation matters and to improve coordination of child protection responsibility across all relevant portfolios through the Queensland Child and Family Commission.</p> <p>Support the Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships to publicly report on acceptance and findings arising from the Royal Commission into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability.</p> <p>Continue the implementation of the Government's Plan for <i>Action on Ice</i> to address use and harm caused by crystal methamphetamine.</p> |
| <b>Youth Justice</b>         | <p>Continue to lead the development of initiatives to help prevent youth crime and improve outcomes and reduce demands in the Youth Justice system.</p> <p>Lead the development of the next Youth Justice Action Plan to underpin implementation of <i>Working Together, Changing the Story: Youth Justice Strategy 2019-23</i>.</p> <p>Oversee construction of the West Moreton Youth Detention Centre.</p> <p>Continue to implement and expand evidence-based programs to prevent entry and re-entry into the youth justice system such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition2Success;</li> <li>• Framing the Future (Booyah);</li> <li>• Restorative Justice Conferencing; and</li> <li>• Youth Justice Co-Responders.</li> </ul> <p>Oversee the pilot of On Country programs in Cairns, Mount Isa and Townsville focussed on intensive case work support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people who are repeat offenders in the youth justice system.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships to support 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.</p>  |
| <b>Multicultural Affairs</b> | <p>Continue to lead actions and policy that will implement the principles of the Multicultural Queensland Charter and promote Queensland as a united, harmonious and inclusive community.</p>  |

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|   | <p>Continue to work with other State and Federal Governments to build strength in diversity and social participation, work with vulnerable communities and implement diversion programs to address the marginalisation and radicalisation that leads to violent extremism.</p> <p>Continue to support social cohesion work across Queensland to enhance diverse and vibrant communities.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development to support the Mentoring for Growth program by assisting in the recruitment, training and development of mentors from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts to support community organisations to provide work rights education to new Queenslanders and providing assistance to vulnerable migrant workers.</p> |
| <p><b>National Agreements, National Partnerships &amp; Significant National Reform Projects</b></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 Redress Scheme Governance Board, noting National Cabinet has determined this group should only meet on an as-needed basis.</p>  |