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Dear Minister

Together we have a responsibility each and every day to make Queensland an even better place, to create opportunities, tackle challenges, and deliver for hardworking Queenslanders.

Easing cost-of-living pressures, delivering better healthcare and more housing, and keeping our communities safe are core priorities that we are all responsible for driving, regardless of which portfolio we lead. Collectively, we must also focus on safeguarding Queensland's future by lifting our ambition on climate action, while supporting new industries and creating jobs where they are needed most.

This letter outlines a range of delivery priorities in your portfolio, which I know you will work relentlessly towards achieving.

The highest priorities I want you to focus on as Minister for Energy and Clean Economy Jobs are to:

- drive implementation of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan
- use all available levers to ensure energy prices are affordable
- maintain majority public ownership of energy assets
- support more industries and jobs through Queensland's targets for 75 per cent emissions reduction by 2035 and net zero emissions by 2050, and 70 per cent renewables by 2032 and 80 per cent by 2035.

Listening to the voices of Queenslanders and working closely with other ministers will be essential to achieving meaningful outcomes. The priorities set out in the attached portfolio priority statement will also inform chief executive officer performance agreements and shape the functions and activities of departments and agencies.

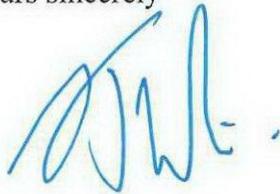
In delivering on these priorities, please ensure you are working with your federal and other Australian state and territory government counterparts to ensure Queensland's interests are proactively represented and the benefits to Queenslanders are maximised. I will meet with you regularly to discuss progress in implementing the actions identified.

At all times, I expect that ministers and assistant ministers will make all decisions and take all actions in the public's interest, without regard to personal, party political or other immaterial considerations.

We cannot achieve our goals for Queensland without the public service, and I expect that ministers and their staff will engage with chief executive officers and departmental staff with the utmost respect and in accordance with *The Queensland Ministerial Handbook, Ministerial Code of Conduct, Code of Conduct Ministerial Staff Members'* and the *Protocols for communication between ministerial staff members and public service employees*. I refer you to *Governing Queensland* for the suite of policy and administrative handbooks, which is available on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's website at www.premiers.qld.gov.au.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with you to deliver better services and create opportunities for all Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Miles', with a flourish at the end.

**STEVEN MILES MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND**

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Portfolio Priorities Statement

Minister: Minister for Energy and Clean Economy
Jobs

Department: Energy and Climate

The Hon Michael de Brenni MP

Whole-of-Government Priorities

<p>Overarching Direction</p>	<p>All Ministers to work together to deliver the government's priorities for Queensland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting jobs: Good, secure jobs in more industries to diversify the Queensland economy and build on existing strengths in agriculture, resources and tourism. • Keeping Queenslanders healthy: Ensure all Queenslanders can access world-class healthcare no matter where they live. • Educating for the future: Give our children the best start by investing in our teachers and schools. • Listening to Queenslanders: Bring together business, industry, communities, and unions to work together for Queensland's future. • Backing our frontline services: Deliver world-class frontline services in key areas such as health, education, transport and community safety. • Keeping communities safe: Support police to work with the community to tackle the complex causes of crime and support victims. • Making it for Queensland: Grow manufacturing across traditional and new industries, making new products in new ways and creating new jobs. • Investing in skills: Ensure Queenslanders have the skills they need to find meaningful jobs and set up pathways for the future. • Protecting the environment: Protect and enhance our natural environment and heritage for future generations and achieve a 70 per cent renewable energy target by 2032, 75 per cent emissions reduction by 2035 and net zero emissions by 2050. • Growing our regions: Help Queensland's regions grow by attracting people, talent and investment, and driving sustainable economic prosperity. • Delivering the Big Build: Drive investment in the infrastructure that supports the State's economy and jobs, builds resilience and underpins future prosperity. • Deliver more homes: Provide more social homes and work with all levels of government to increase housing supply across the state. • Providing cost of living relief: Continue to use our energy assets to deliver savings on energy bills, and freeze or reduce costs where we can. • Honouring and embracing our rich and ancient cultural history: Create opportunities for First Nations Queenslanders to thrive in a modern Queensland.
<p>Consultation</p>	<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>
<p>Integrity and Accountability</p>	<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	All Ministers, supported by their Chief Executive Officers, establish strong working relationships across portfolios to deliver the Government's priorities.
Investing in Our People	All Ministers support their Chief Executive Officers to focus on motivating and increasing the capability of the public sector.

Government Commitments

Election Commitments	All Ministers prioritise the delivery of all election commitments.
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Delivery Priorities

Energy	<p>Delivering the Cost of Living support to Queensland households and ensure Queenslanders are aware of concessions and other energy programs.</p> <p>Work with other Ministers to implement the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan in accordance with the <i>Queensland SuperGrid Infrastructure Blueprint</i>, including to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deliver the 50 per cent renewable target and new targets of 70 per cent by 2032 and 80 per cent by 2035; • create more secure and local skilled jobs. <p>Maintain current majority public ownership of power assets, including 100 per cent ownership of Queensland's power line transmission and distribution network and more than 54 per cent ownership of generation while:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enabling private investment in renewable energy generation projects; • transforming Queensland's electricity system, based on a least cost approach; and • putting downward pressure on electricity prices for the benefit of all Queenslanders. <p>Work with the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment to support government owned corporations to deliver new renewable energy and storage and hydrogen projects to support the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan, including pumped hydros and CopperString 2032, and support the delivery of the Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund to enable these projects, including in partnerships with the private sector and wherever possible, the Federal Government.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services to prepare for a transition to greater uptake of electric vehicles.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development and the Minister for Education and Minister for Youth Justice to implement the Clean Energy Workplace Strategy.</p>
Clean Economy Jobs	<p>Oversee implementation of Queensland's new emissions reduction target through delivery of clean economy and climate initiatives aimed at reducing the State's emissions, securing existing industries and jobs and creating new jobs and supporting the social licence of the transition to a low carbon economy.</p> <p>Review the <i>Queensland Climate Action Plan 2030</i> and work with ministers to deliver clean economy and climate actions across government.</p> <p>Work with other Ministers to legislate emissions reductions targets, including a reduction of 75 per cent by 2035 and net zero emissions by 2050.</p> <p>Work with the new Expert Panel on Clean Economy Jobs and stakeholders to identify least cost pathways for sectors and for Queensland to reduce emissions.</p> <p>Chair the Future Economy Taskforce and work with relevant ministers on sector plans and related initiatives to reduce emissions while securing and creating jobs in the energy, transport, resources, land, built environment and other industry sectors.</p> <p>Examine options for government operations to reduce emissions.</p>
Hydrogen	<p>Continue to support the development of Queensland's hydrogen industry, working with the Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deliver the Hydrogen Industry Development Fund; • update the <i>Queensland Hydrogen Industry Strategy</i>; and • build community awareness of the hydrogen industry and facilitate skills development for new technologies. <p>Collaborate with Victoria and New South Wales to progress development of the east coast hydrogen refuelling network through Australia's busiest freight corridor.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development and the Minister for Education and Minister for</p>

	<p>Youth Justice to encourage job creation and career pathways in the hydrogen industry.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development to build a new Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Training facility to prepare Queenslanders for the jobs of the future.</p>
<p>Procurement</p>	<p>Continue to implement Queensland's approach to government procurement under <i>Buy Queensland 2023</i>, which comprises of the <i>Queensland Procurement Strategy 2023 – Jobs, Economy, Legacy, Confidence</i> and the <i>Queensland Procurement Policy 2023</i>.</p> <p>Oversee enhancements to the Buy Queensland approach to strengthen the Buy Queensland procurement compliance function.</p> <p>Support Queensland businesses to maximise the opportunities presented by Brisbane 2032 and application of the Queensland Procurement Policy to Brisbane 2032 procurement activity.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development to assist small and medium enterprises to benefit from the procurement target.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Treaty, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Communities and Minister for the Arts to support the implementation of the Queensland Indigenous (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Procurement Policy.</p>
<p>National Agreements, National Partnerships & Significant National Reform Projects</p>	<p>Support the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment in relation to negotiation, management, and implementation of any intergovernmental funding agreements relevant to your portfolio.</p> <p>Represent Queensland on National Ministerial forums relevant to your portfolio.</p> <p>Proactively engage with your Federal Government counterparts and other states and territories to ensure Queensland is well placed to leverage key opportunities associated with the commitments made by the Federal Government and advocate for a fair share of funding and for the Federal approvals needed to deliver the <i>Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan</i>.</p>