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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
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND
MINISTER FOR TRADE**

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Portfolio Priorities Statement

Minister: Minister for Resources

Department(s): Resources

The Hon Scott Stewart MP

*Resources Safety and Health
Queensland*

Whole-of-Government Priorities

Overarching Direction	All Ministers to work together to deliver the government's objectives for the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safeguarding our health;• Supporting jobs;• Backing small business;• Making it for Queensland;• Building Queensland;• Growing our regions;• Investing in skills;• Backing our frontline services; and• Protecting the environment.
Consultation	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.
Integrity and Accountability	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.
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

Resources

Continue to support the development of the resources sector including coal, gas and new economy minerals.

Continue to unlock additional gas tenements to supply the domestic market.

Maintain Self Assessable Codes for vegetation protection, and amend where necessary, in consultation with the Queensland Herbarium.

Oversee the completion of the Bowen Basin Gas Pipeline concept study and investigate the feasibility and options for a new transmission pipeline to connect the Bowen Basin's gas reserves to the east coast of Queensland.

Support dealings with the Federal Government on relevant aspects of the Commonwealth's 'gas-led' COVID-19 recovery plan to maximise outcomes for Queensland, including seeking Federal investment in the Bowen Basin Gas Pipeline feasibility study and gas supply infrastructure.

Continue to implement the Government's reforms to mine rehabilitation and financial assurance.

Provide clearer pathways for investment in new economy mineral exploration and production.

Continue to enhance measures to improve the safety and health of resource sector workers.

Work with GasFields Commission Queensland and the Land Access Ombudsman to facilitate a sustainable coexistence between landholders, communities and the onshore gas industry.

Ensure that stock route management regulatory settings are fit for purpose including any necessary consultation with industry and local government.

Oversee the development of a Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan, working with peak industry bodies, mining unions and the community to ensure communities can maximise their economic and social well-being through the resources sector.

Ensure that when supplied, the findings and recommendations of the Queensland Coal Mining Board of Inquiry are fully taken into account to ensure the future safety of mine workers.

Facilitate the movement of the Queensland Titles Registry to the Future Fund to protect it against future privatisation.

Continue to ensure Queensland's native vegetation is managed to maintain biodiversity, reduce land degradation, protect water quality, including in the Great Barrier Reef and reduce emissions.

Continue to work in partnership with the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation and the Quandamooka First Nations people to resolve outstanding native title matters including the implementation of the registered Indigenous Land Use Agreements for Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) and Mulgumpin (Moreton Island).

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.

Support Natural Resource Management Regions Queensland in coordinating state-wide programs and identifying projects for future investments.

Support the Premier and Minister for Trade in partnering with the private sector to identify employment pathways for veterans in the resources industry.

<p>National Agreements, National Partnerships & Significant National Reform Projects</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>
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