



## Premier of Queensland Minister for Trade

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Dear Minister

On 11 December 2017, I announced a new Cabinet team and reaffirmed our commitment to Queenslanders to provide a strong, stable majority Government, and to drive the Queensland Government's policy agenda which prioritises jobs, health and education.

We will work closely together advancing Queensland to create jobs in a strong economy, ensure a great start for our children, improve the health of Queenslanders, support safe communities, protect the Great Barrier Reef and ensure a responsive Government.

Queenslanders have entrusted us with providing principled and stable government, and delivering on the promises we have made. It is critical that we work hard to prove ourselves worthy of this trust.

For this reason, I write to outline the delivery priorities to meet our Government's commitments. For many of these delivery priorities, it will be essential that you work closely and constructively with your colleagues to deliver the best outcome for Queenslanders.

Following on from last week's Council of Australian Governments meeting, it is essential that you focus your attention on National Agreements, Partnerships and reforms related to your portfolio responsibilities to ensure Queensland's interests are represented and the benefits to Queenslanders are maximised.

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.

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

[www.premiers.qld.gov.au/publications/categories/policies-and-codes/handbooks.aspx](http://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 Natural Resources, Mines and Energy

**Department:** Natural Resources, Mines and Energy

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## Whole-of-Government Priorities

<b>Overarching Direction</b>	All Ministers and their staff to work closely together advancing Queensland, focusing on the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create jobs in a strong economy;</li><li>• A great start for our children;</li><li>• Healthy Queenslanders;</li><li>• Safe communities;</li><li>• Protect the Great Barrier Reef; and</li><li>• A responsive Government.</li></ul>
<b>Consultation</b>	All Ministers and their staff to focus on meeting regularly with the community and key stakeholders to inform policy development and achieve the best outcomes for all Queenslanders.
<b>Integrity and Accountability</b>	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.
<b>Collaboration</b>	All Ministers, supported by their Chief Executive Officers, establish strong working relationships across portfolios to deliver the Government's priorities.
<b>Investing in Our People</b>	All Ministers support their Chief Executive Officers to focus on motivating and increasing the capability of the public sector.

## Government Commitments

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

<p><b>Natural Resources</b></p>	<p>Implement the Queensland Bulk Water Opportunities Statement to maximise the benefits of new and existing bulk water supply infrastructure and to support the delivery of the State Infrastructure Plan.</p> <p>Facilitate the completion of outstanding feasibility studies under the Federal Government's National Water Infrastructure Development Fund.</p> <p>Continue to ensure that Queensland's catchment-based water plans will provide sustainable water allocation for the environment, agriculture, industries and population centres.</p> <p>Lead the implementation of Queensland's responsibilities under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and related Intergovernmental Agreement, including accreditation of relevant Queensland water plans.</p> <p>Unlock additional gas tenements exclusively for the domestic market, to address the national gas shortage.</p> <p>Deliver a program of work to implement the suite of vegetation management election commitments, in collaboration with relevant Ministers.</p> <p>Support the delivery of water security for Townsville by providing \$225 million for completion of project milestones.</p> <p>Undertake a review of Self Assessable Codes for vegetation management, in consultation with the Queensland Herbarium, in 2018.</p> <p>Lead the review of the <i>Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act 2007</i> with respect to the provision of economic development opportunities for Traditional Owners.</p>
<p><b>Mines</b></p>	<p>Reintroduce the Land, Explosives and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 to ensure the regulatory framework for safety and health in the resources sector is contemporary and effective.</p> <p>Continue reforms to resource safety and health, particularly in response to the re-identification of Coal Worker's Pneumoconiosis.</p> <p>Support ongoing work to reform the mine rehabilitation and financial assurance regimes.</p>
<p><b>Energy</b></p>	<p>Support the Government's aspirational target for a million solar residential rooftops or 3,000 megawatts of installed solar photovoltaic capacity by 2020.</p> <p>Implement initiatives under the Government's Affordable Energy Plan, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limiting electricity prices for households and small businesses to inflation over the next two years.</li> </ul> <p>Roll out the Government's <i>Powering Queensland's Future</i> policy by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locking in our target of at least 50 per cent renewable energy generation in Queensland by 2030;</li> <li>Supporting establishment of 'CleanCo', a third publicly owned power generation company with a mandate to deliver 1,000MW of new renewable energy projects for Queensland;</li> <li>Committing up to \$50 million towards the development of Queensland's own baseload solar thermal plant with storage;</li> <li>Implementing the findings of our state-wide hydro-electric study under the Powering North Queensland Plan;</li> <li>Establishing Renewables 400MW - a renewable energy and storage reverse auction;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnering with the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) to develop a solution to deliver sustainable energy for the Daintree, to provide residents with a quality, clean, power supply to enhance their standard of living, reduce local pollution and support local businesses and jobs; and</li> <li>• Providing no-interest loans to help Queenslanders without access to the upfront capital required, to invest in solar and battery technologies.</li> </ul> <p>Implement the Government's commitments to bio-based petrol and bio-based diesel mandates.</p>
<b>COAG National Agreements, National Partnerships &amp; Significant National Reform Projects</b>	<p>Lead the implementation of existing National Agreements and Partnerships and negotiations associated with proposed new Agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Water Infrastructure Development Fund National Partnership Agreement</li> <li>• Intergovernmental Agreement on Implementing Water Reform in the Murray-Darling Basin</li> <li>• Water for the future – Sustainable rural water use and infrastructure National Partnership Agreement</li> <li>• Murray Darling Basin Regional Economic Diversification Programme Project Agreement</li> <li>• Development of Business Cases for Constraints Measures</li> <li>• Interim Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative Infrastructure Investment Program including Phase 4 Project Agreements</li> <li>• Energy Efficiency National Partnership Agreement.</li> </ul> <p>Contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The National Indigenous Reform Agreement (Closing the Gap)</li> <li>• National Disability Strategy</li> <li>• The Great Barrier Reef Intergovernmental Agreement.</li> </ul>