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Dear Minister *Coralee*

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 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 Communities and Minister
for Disability Services and Seniors

Department: Communities, Disability
Services and Seniors

The Hon Coralee O'Rourke MP

Whole-of-Government Priorities

Overarching Direction	All Ministers and their staff to work closely together advancing Queensland, focusing on the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create jobs in a strong economy;• A great start for our children;• Healthy Queenslanders;• Safe communities;• Protect the Great Barrier Reef; and• A responsive Government.
Consultation	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.
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

Communities	<p>Continue to engage with non-government organisations to rebuild the Queensland Community Services Sector and to grow workforce and industry capacity and capability.</p> <p>Ensure effective community recovery capability is in place to respond to natural disasters.</p> <p>Lead the development of a framework for community place-based initiatives.</p> <p>Partner with key stakeholders to extend community place-based activities so that the community plays an important role in local solutions to local issues, including in regional Queensland.</p> <p>Work with peak bodies and key stakeholders to improve the quality of community services in Queensland</p> <p>Support implementation of the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016-26</i> and the <i>Government response to the Report from the Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland</i>.</p> <p>Contribute to the development and implementation of the Queensland Government response to the <i>Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse</i>.</p> <p>Continue to contribute to the Government's child and family reform agenda '<i>Support Families Changing Futures - Advancing Queensland's child protection and family support reforms</i>'.</p> <p>Support the implementation of the <i>Action on Ice</i> plan to address use and harms caused by crystal methamphetamine.</p>
Disability Services	<p>Support vulnerable Queenslanders to lead better lives and maximise opportunities, by working with the Commonwealth Government, and relevant Queensland Government agencies, to ensure effective governance provisions are in place during transition and full scheme National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).</p> <p>Support people with disability by continuing to fund and support advocacy services.</p> <p>Take reasonable steps to support Queensland Government staff affected by the move to the NDIS through appropriate transition arrangements.</p> <p>Develop a strategy on the future arrangements for disability services, including community care services, forensic disability services and the policy and intergovernmental role of the State.</p> <p>Deliver the action plan for <i>All Abilities Queensland: Opportunities for all</i>.</p>
Seniors	<p>Support older people to lead healthy and productive lives and ensure government policies and programs continue to be age friendly by delivering on the action plan supporting the strategic direction statement, <i>Queensland: An Age Friendly Community</i>.</p>
COAG National Agreements, National Partnerships & Significant National Reform Projects	<p>Lead the implementation of existing National Agreements and Partnerships and negotiations associated with proposed new Agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Disability Strategy • Bilateral Agreement between the Commonwealth and Queensland Government on the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme including the Transitional Operational Plan • DisabilityCare Australia Fund Payments National Partnership Agreements • National Health and Hospitals Network – Specialist Disability Services for Over 65s (transition to NDIS) National Partnership Agreement

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay Equity for the Social and Community Services Sector – 2016 to 2019 National Partnership Agreement. <p>Contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Indigenous Reform Agreement (Closing the Gap).
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