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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 the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Innovation are to:

- protect Queensland's biodiversity
- improve the health of the Great Barrier Reef
- drive waste management solutions to achieve the state's recycling targets
- implement protections for Lake Eyre Basin
- deliver the Queensland Quantum and Advanced Technologies Strategy
- make Queensland a world-leading innovation economy with a focus on turning scientific advances into industries of the future.

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.

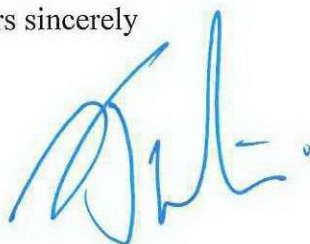
In delivering on these priorities, please ensure you are working with your federal and other Australian state and territory government counterparts to ensure Queensland's interests are proactively represented and the benefits to Queenslanders are maximised. I will meet with you regularly to discuss progress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

**STEVEN MILES MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND**

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Portfolio Priorities Statement

Minister: Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Innovation

Department: Environment, Science and Innovation

The Hon Leanne Linard 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

Environment and Heritage Protection

Continue to work with other Ministers to accelerate development of the land based carbon industry, nature positive initiatives, biodiversity conservation and support innovation to assist in addressing climate risk and adaption.

Oversee the implementation of the *Protected Area Strategy 2020–2030* to ensure accelerated acquisition and tenure resolution, including on Cape York Peninsula, with unallocated State lands and State Forests as well as enhanced management of new National Parks, Nature Refuges and other protected areas.

Continue to work with the Federal Minister for Environment and Water and Cape York Traditional Owners to progress a World Heritage nomination for suitable areas on Cape York Peninsula.

Continue to support enhanced community safety on K’gari and the adaptive management of wongari (dingo) through the *Fraser Island Dingo Conservation and Risk Management Strategy* to promote best outcomes for wongari conservation and human safety.

Continue to advance Queensland’s *Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy*, *Plastic Pollution Reduction Plan*, *Queensland Organics Strategy* and *Plan 2022–2032*, as well as the roll out of the \$1.1 billion *Recycling and Jobs Fund*, to support achievement of the State’s recycling targets.

Continue to implement *Conserving Nature – a Biodiversity Strategy for Queensland*, the *Southeast Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy 2020–2025* and the Threatened Species Program to protect species at risk of extinction.

Work closely with the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities to complete the implementation of the new *Great Sandy Marine Park* zoning plan ensuring alignment with fisheries reforms in the Great Barrier Reef fishery and prepare for the review of the *Moreton Bay Marine Park* zoning plan.

Continue to investigate and consult on the establishment of an independent Environmental Protection Agency to protect our environment, create jobs and support economic growth.

Continue to work with the Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing and the Minister for Resources and Critical Minerals as well as First Nations people, industry bodies, stakeholders, and communities to ensure adequate protection of Lake Eyre Basin streams and watercourses is balanced with sustainable economic development.

Continue to work with the Minister for Resources and Critical Minerals in partnering 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) and progressing Quandamooka aspirations for World Heritage recognition.

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 National Agreement on Closing the Gap including the development of Queensland’s annual Closing the Gap implementation plan in a co-design approach with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders and their representatives.

Continue to work with the other Ministers to implement identified sustainable ecotourism projects and support Queensland’s tourism sector.

Implement the bioregional planning program, in collaboration with the Minister for Energy and Clean Economy Jobs and the Minister for Resources and Critical Minerals, and the Federal Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

<p>Great Barrier Reef</p>	<p>Continue the implementation of the Queensland Reef Water Quality Program and work with the Australian Government to fast-track commitments under the <i>Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan</i> and the <i>Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan</i>.</p> <p>Continue the implementation and report on compliance with the Government's enhanced reef regulations to drive down pollution from land uses in reef catchments.</p> <p>Continue to work with other Ministers to identify opportunities to support sustainable growth of the ecotourism industry on the Great Barrier Reef.</p> <p>Work closely with the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities to implement Great Barrier Reef fisheries reforms as part of key commitments made to UNESCO World Heritage Committee to improve the health of the Reef.</p> <p>Continue to oversee the Queensland Government's contributions to progress reports on the implementation of commitments made to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.</p> <p>Work with all Ministers to identify opportunities to support innovative projects and policy approaches that will have an overall positive impact on the health of the Great Barrier Reef catchment.</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>Deliver and implement a new <i>Queensland Science Strategy</i>.</p> <p>Continue to strengthen existing international science partnerships and identify opportunities to develop new international partnerships to maintain Queensland's global reputation as a science leader.</p> <p>Support the Chief Scientist to deliver the <i>Advance Queensland: Engaging Queenslanders in Science Strategy 2021–2024</i>, including through National Science Week, Partner Up Queensland and the Engaging Science grants.</p> <p>Support priority industry-science centres of excellence and accelerate university commercialisation to grow Queensland businesses, exports and jobs.</p> <p>Oversee implementation of the <i>Queensland Quantum and Advanced Technologies Strategy</i> to be at the forefront of new technologies and investments and outcomes in environment, climate and natural resource sciences.</p> <p>Foster research and development coordination and planning in Queensland.</p>
<p>Innovation</p>	<p>Lead the implementation of the <i>Advance Queensland Innovation for a Future Economy: 2022–2032 Roadmap</i>, to support the State to become a leading and sustainable world-class innovation economy through the following priority outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • greater investment attraction and more innovative businesses, starting, growing and staying in Queensland; • Queensland's world-class research and collaborations are translated into creating commercialisation opportunities; • Queensland's existing and emerging priority industries and talent are globally competitive; • Queensland's big challenges and events are supported through innovative and sustainable solutions; • Queensland has world-class innovation infrastructure to drive ideas through to commercialisation, adoption and diffusion; and • Queensland has a well-connected, inclusive and thriving innovation ecosystem. <p>Implement <i>A Place to Innovate - Queensland Innovation Precincts and Places strategy</i>, a 10-year whole-of-government strategy to release the potential from Queensland's innovation places for driving ideas through to commercialisation, adoption and diffusion.</p> <p>Continue to work with Queensland's Chief Entrepreneur and the Innovation Advisory Council to accelerate economic and other policy outcomes through innovation and entrepreneurship.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance Services and Minister for Women to implement women's economic development initiatives such as the Female Founders program and the Queensland Women in STEM prize.</p>

National Agreements, National Partnerships & Significant National Reform Projects	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. Represent Queensland on National Ministerial forums relevant to your portfolio.
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