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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 Treaty, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Communities and Minister for the Arts are to:

- establish the First Nations Treaty Institute and Truth Telling and Healing Inquiry
- drive implementation of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap
- support the delivery of early interventions to improve outcomes for children, young people and families to help break intergenerational cycles of disadvantage and help prevent youth offending, with a special focus on First Nations peoples
- ensure the community recovery from natural disasters, serious crime incidents and other crises is of the highest quality.

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



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PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND**

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Portfolio Priorities Statement

Minister: Minister for Treaty, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Communities and Minister for the Arts

Department: Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts

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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

<p>Treaty</p>	<p>Continue to implement outstanding actions from the Government response to the <i>Queensland Stolen Wages Reparations Taskforce Report</i>, including leading 'Tracks to Treaty' initiatives - 'Path to Treaty', 'Local Thriving Communities', and the Statement of Commitment outlining the Queensland Government's commitment to reframing the relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.</p> <p>Implement the Government response to the Report provided by the Treaty Advancement Committee, including establishment of the First Nations Treaty Institute and Truth Telling and Healing Inquiry as provided for in the <i>Path to Treaty Act 2023</i>.</p>
<p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</p>	<p>Partner with Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people, families and communities to support and foster a strong, safe, resilient and thriving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.</p> <p>Lead the implementation of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap including supporting the delivery of early interventions to improve outcomes for children, young people and families, and in turn break intergenerational cycles of disadvantage and help prevent youth offending.</p> <p>Consider the report from the First Nations Consultative Committee outlining options for an Indigenous Voice model for Queensland.</p> <p>Consider the independent evaluation of the Families and Responsibilities Commission (FRC) to support and inform Government and community decision making on the future direction of the FRC.</p> <p>Finalise the review of the Cultural Heritage Acts to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consistency with the broader objective to reframe the relationship with Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people; and • that the legislation continues to protect and conserve Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage, while facilitating business and development activity. <p>Continue to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in locally managing their Alcohol Management Plans, including developing and implementing Community Safety Plans and implementing the strategies tailored to the unique needs and aspirations of each community.</p> <p>Support economic empowerment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by developing a new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Strategy in partnership with First Nations stakeholders and communities, supporting the development of policies and programs to increase First Nations employment and opportunities for First Nations businesses, and supporting economic development for Traditional Owners through Native Title.</p> <p>Support efforts to showcase the unique and ancient history of two of the oldest living cultures and ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and businesses play an important role in planning and delivering Brisbane 2032.</p> <p>Support Ministerial and Government Champions to work in partnership with their communities to improve community identified outcomes.</p> <p>Continue to support the implementation and monitoring of the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016–26</i> and the strategies within <i>Queensland's Framework for Action – Reshaping our approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander domestic and family violence</i> in conjunction with the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence.</p> <p>Support initiatives under the <i>Queensland Housing Strategy 2017–2027</i> including the <i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan 2019–2023</i>.</p> <p>Support the Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Multicultural Affairs and the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak to continue delegating statutory powers and</p>

	<p>functions of the department to Chief Executive Officers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.</p> <p>Support the Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development in implementing <i>Paving the Way - First Nations Training Strategy</i> through consultation with communities to address training gaps and deliver job-focused training to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including through supporting new and established community-led registered training organisations.</p> <p>Support the Minister for Education and Minister for Youth Justice to oversee the expansion of On Country programs in Cairns, Mount Isa and Townsville through assisting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations in designing and delivering the programs.</p>
Communities	<p>Lead implementation of <i>Communities 2032: A plan to strengthen the fabric of Queensland's communities and its action plan</i>.</p> <p>Continue to engage with non-government organisations, peak bodies and stakeholders to rebuild the Queensland community services sector through growing workforce and industry capacity and capability, and to further improve the delivery of community services in Queensland.</p> <p>Continue to ensure effective community recovery capability is in place to respond to natural disasters and other crises, including through emergency support services, financial resilience counselling, operation of the Community Recovery Hotline and Portal, and management of personal hardship financial assistance grants.</p> <p>Implement <i>Neighbourhood Centres – our shared vision for a vibrant Neighbourhood Centre System in Queensland</i> to strengthen the critical role neighbourhood centres play in Queensland's communities and support their ongoing sustainability.</p> <p>Contribute to the delivery of early interventions to improve outcomes for children, young people and families across the social and community service sector, and in turn break intergenerational cycles of disadvantage and help prevent youth offending.</p> <p>Continue to support the Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Multicultural Affairs to publicly report on acceptance and implementation of recommendations arising from the Royal Commission into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability.</p> <p>Continue to implement the <i>First Nations First Program</i> at Queensland State Archives to foster truth telling and healing to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders, contributing to the Path to Treaty process.</p>
Veterans' Affairs	<p>Work with Minister for Resources and Critical Minerals in partnering with the private sector to identify employment pathways for veterans in the resources industry.</p> <p>Support jobs pathways and employment opportunities for veterans through the Veterans' employment pathway and the Queensland Veterans' Portal.</p>
Youth Affairs	<p>Lead the delivery and implementation of a new strategy for young Queenslanders.</p> <p>Engage with young people and key stakeholders and work with other Ministers to facilitate social and economic opportunities for young Queenslanders.</p> <p>Encourage engagement with young people throughout government program and policy development.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works to implement <i>Towards Ending Homelessness for Young Queenslanders 2022–2027</i>.</p>
Arts	<p>Continue to implement <i>Creative Together 2020–2030: A 10-Year Roadmap for arts, culture and creativity in Queensland</i>, through delivery of key actions outlined in <i>Grow 2022–2026</i>.</p> <p>Lead the management of Queensland's major arts and cultural assets, identifying development opportunities to expand the arts sector through infrastructure projects.</p> <p>Continue to lead the development of a business case for a First Nations Cultural Centre in Cairns, in addition to an iconic First Nations Cultural Centre in Brisbane</p>

	<p>Continue to support arts and cultural activities that provide public value for Queensland communities, build local cultural capacity, cultural innovation and community pride, in partnership with local councils and industry.</p> <p>Engage with and apply the principles of the Cultural Engagement Framework – Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and cultures in Queensland, to advance First Nations cultural engagement in the Queensland arts sector.</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>