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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 Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works are to:

- drive delivery of more housing, including social and affordable housing, to ensure Queenslanders have a place to call home
- progress further reforms to ensure the rental system is fair
- ensure Queenslanders experiencing or at risk of homelessness can access housing and homelessness supports
- ensure regional land-use planning is integrated with infrastructure planning to achieve local economic aspirations, positive housing outcomes and an enhanced lifestyle
- support local governments to thrive and deliver for their communities
- drive the continued rebuild of QBuild.

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.

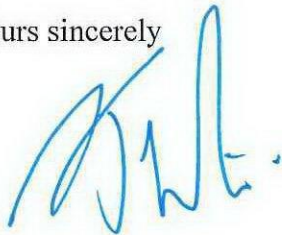
In delivering on these priorities, please ensure you are working with your federal and other Australian state and territory government counterparts to ensure Queensland's interests are proactively represented and the benefits to Queenslanders are maximised. I will meet with you regularly to discuss progress 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 written over the text 'Yours sincerely'.

**STEVEN MILES MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND**

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Portfolio Priorities Statement

Minister: Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works

Department: Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works

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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

Housing	<p>Deliver, in partnership with other relevant Ministers, the actions identified in the Queensland Housing Summit Outcomes Report.</p> <p>Drive delivery of additional social and affordable housing across the State, including through QuickStarts Queensland, the <i>Housing Investment Fund</i> and the Social Housing Accelerator program.</p> <p>Continue to implement the <i>Queensland Housing Strategy 2017–2027</i> and work with Ministers to deliver key actions in the <i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan 2019–2023</i>, the <i>Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021–2025</i> and <i>Towards Ending Homelessness for Young Queenslanders 2022–2027</i>.</p> <p>Work with the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment, and the Federal Government on the delivery of the National Housing Accord, including supporting Queensland's interests and the delivery of Queensland's commitments under the Accord.</p> <p>Work and engage with the Federal Government to support Queensland's interests in relation to housing, including: ensuring Queensland gets its fair share of allocations from the Housing Australia Future Fund; supporting the pending National Housing and Homelessness Plan, future funding arrangements and increased funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing; and ensuring federal regulatory settings optimally incentivise and facilitate housing supply.</p> <p>Support co-design and delivery of <i>Our Place: A First Nations Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2024-27</i> and increase home ownership outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including those living on Indigenous communal lands.</p> <p>Develop and deliver Stage 2 Rental Law Reforms, including developing legislation informed by consultation on the Stage 2 Rental Law Reform Options Paper, the <i>Ensuring the Annual Rent Increase Frequency Limit is Effective</i> discussion paper and Queensland commitments under National Cabinet's <i>A Better Deal for Renters</i>. Oversee the development of housing options to assist people to find affordable, accessible, sustainable and secure housing for sale or rent.</p> <p>Support 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. This will include delivery of housing, and housing and homelessness support, that assists young Queenslanders and families.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Treaty, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Communities and Minister for the Arts to support implementation of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap and Queensland's Housing Policy Partnership.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing and Economic Development Queensland to deliver significant housing projects, including in Priority Development Areas.</p>
Local Government	<p>Support remote, rural and regional local councils to apply for and implement the Works for Queensland program.</p> <p>Support councils throughout Queensland through other local government grant programs including the Indigenous Councils Funding Program and the South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program funding round.</p> <p>Continue to support the Independent Assessor in dealing with Local Government Council complaints more effectively.</p> <p>Continue to engage with Mayors and Councils on common interests and local government reform, including implementation of recent legislative amendments on Councillor Conduct.</p> <p>Deliver the QCoast₂₁₀₀ 2.0 Program funding and related initiatives to assist councils to further develop and implement coastal hazard adaptation strategies.</p>

<p>Land Use Planning</p>	<p>Continue timely reviews of statutory regional plans to support long-term planning for state and local government, including sustainable economic development, and guide future infrastructure planning and investment that reflects state interests including coexistence of resources and other activities to contribute to prosperous and liveable regions.</p> <p>Work with other Ministers and relevant local governments to ensure appropriate plans, strategies and initiatives are in place to help implement national housing reforms agreed under the National Housing Accord and National Planning Reform Blueprint and state initiatives to enhance supply, affordability and diversity of housing particularly in well-located areas.</p>
<p>Public Works</p>	<p>Oversee the implementation of the building industry fairness reforms.</p> <p>Continue to investigate and implement actions to address non-conforming building products in Queensland for the health and safety of Queenslanders.</p> <p>Strengthen the Queensland Home Warranty Scheme, including consideration of a rating system to encourage quality building outcomes and coverage of residential buildings exceeding three storeys.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Fire and Disaster Recovery and Minister for Corrective Services to deliver the <i>Resilient Homes Fund</i> so that Queenslanders can access grants to rebuild more resilient homes, raise homes or arrange a buy back of their high-risk home, in response to the 2022 flooding disaster.</p> <p>Support the implementation of the Queensland Government response to the <i>Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) Governance Review</i> to strengthen and transform the QBCC into a more customer and outcomes-focussed regulator.</p> <p>Work with the sector to ensure that licenses in the building and construction industry meet the professional standards that Queensland consumers and households deserve.</p> <p>Oversee the delivery of critical new housing for frontline staff such as police, health workers and teachers in remote locations.</p> <p>Support the roll out of <i>Rebuild QBuild Phase 2</i> creating more jobs for trades and apprentices, help deliver construction, including through Modern Methods of Construction, and maintenance services to regional and remote areas of the state and support the Government's response to natural disasters.</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>Proactively advocate to the Federal Government and engage with states and territories to ensure Queensland's interests are reflected in the development of the National Housing and Homelessness Plan and the next National Housing and Homelessness Agreement and ensure a fair share of funding for Queensland.</p> <p>Represent Queensland on National Ministerial forums relevant to your portfolio.</p> <p>Proactively engage with your Federal Government counterparts and states and territories to ensure Queensland is well placed to leverage key opportunities associated with the commitments made by the Federal Government and advocate for a fair share of funding for Queensland.</p>