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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 Fire and Disaster Recovery and Minister for Corrective Services are to:

- ensure effective recovery responses following disasters and prioritise improved disaster resilience of communities throughout the State
- support effective establishment of the Queensland Fire Department as a focused and contemporary organisation with a focus on fire service delivery
- manage the capacity of Queensland's correctional system to ensure the safety of staff and prisoners
- reduce recidivism through corrective services interventions to break the cycle of reoffending.

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.

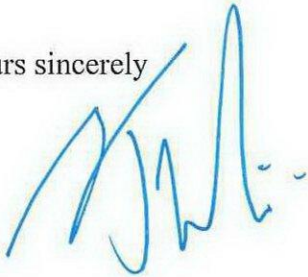
In delivering on these priorities, please ensure you are working with your federal and other Australian state and territory government counterparts to ensure Queensland's interests are proactively represented and the benefits to Queenslanders are maximised. I will meet with you regularly to discuss progress 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', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**STEVEN MILES MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND**

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Portfolio Priorities Statement

Minister: Minister for Fire and Disaster Recovery and
Minister for Corrective Services

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Department(s): Queensland Corrective Services

Queensland Fire and Emergency
Services

Queensland Reconstruction
Authority

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>

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

<p>Fire and Emergency Services</p>	<p>Ensure the future fiscal sustainability of Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) through the continued implementation of the <i>QFES Fiscal Sustainability Strategy 2019–2023</i> and the continued effort to improve and modernise the service delivery model to meet emerging priorities and community needs.</p> <p>Continue to contribute to the provision of a timely, coordinated and appropriate response to minimise the effects of fire and emergency events, including recruitment of an additional 500 frontline firefighters over six years and 114 positions for the Rural Fire Service, as well as progressing works for the development of new and existing fire stations.</p> <p>Support the progress of equity, diversity, respect and inclusion within QFES in accordance with the obligations in the <i>Public Sector Act 2022</i>.</p> <p>Support the Reform Implementation Taskforce established to oversee the organisational reforms to implement the recommendations of the Independent Review of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, including the establishment of the Queensland Fire Department, the transition out of QFES of the State Emergency Service and Disaster Management functions.</p> <p>Continue collaboration with Rural Fire Brigades, the Fire and Rescue Service, the State Emergency Service and communities to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the impact of fire and other emergency events.</p> <p>Implement Disaster Management strategies with a focus on QFES's responsible hazards, as well as supporting the relevant Queensland Government's arrangements to respond and implement recommendations outlined by the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements and assist the Queensland Government support for other disaster and fire and emergency services related national priorities.</p> <p>Maintain a risk-based approach to fire and emergency services and continue to support the State Emergency Service and Rural Fire Service by providing appropriate equipment, vehicles, assets, support and training opportunities for staff and volunteers.</p> <p>Continue to strengthen and support Queensland's emergency services volunteer network.</p> <p>Support the planning and delivery of a safe and secure Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.</p>
<p>Disaster Recovery and Resilience</p>	<p>Continue to implement the <i>Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience</i>.</p> <p>Support effective disaster recovery operations and collaborate with State and Federal agencies, Local Governments and communities to prevent, prepare and recover from the impact of disaster events.</p> <p>Continue to improve the resilience of communities for potential disasters and coordinate the development of resilience policy with partner agencies.</p> <p>Coordinate and conduct State-wide disaster risk assessments and develop associated reporting for Government and the community.</p> <p>Work with the Federal Government on the process of natural disaster funding reform to ensure Queensland communities are not disadvantaged by changes to disaster funding arrangements.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works 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>Corrective Services</p>	<p>Work with relevant Ministers and departments to identify options to safely reduce demand on the corrections system and contribute to meeting the Government's commitments under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, including through interventions to help break the cycle of reoffending.</p> <p>Continue to work to make a real and measurable difference in people's lives through their contact with the corrections system including through the delivery of</p>

	<p>interventions to break the cycle of re-offending and improve outcomes for offenders, their families, and communities.</p> <p>Work to identify required infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects to support the Queensland correctional system to manage capacity.</p> <p>Continue to deliver to completion and operationalise Lockyer Valley Correctional Centre.</p> <p>Ensure the corrections system effectively responds to emerging threats, technology, legislative developments, and supports frontline operations.</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>