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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 Resources and Critical Minerals are to:

- maximise community social and economic wellbeing through the resources sector
- drive development of the critical minerals sector
- unlock additional gas supply to the domestic market
- support appropriate coexistence between communities, landholders and industry
- manage state land assets to support state objectives
- manage native vegetation to maintain biodiversity, reduce land degradation, protect water quality, including for the Great Barrier Reef, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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.

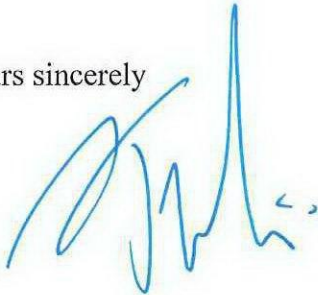
In delivering on these priorities, please ensure you are working with your federal and other Australian state and territory government counterparts to ensure Queensland's interests are proactively represented and the benefits to Queenslanders are maximised. I will meet with you regularly to discuss progress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

**STEVEN MILES MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND**

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Portfolio Priorities Statement

Minister: Minister for Resources and Critical Minerals **Department(s):** Resources

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*Resources Safety and Health
Queensland*

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

Resources and Critical Minerals

Oversee the implementation of the Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan, working with peak industry bodies, mining unions and the community to ensure communities can maximise their economic and social well-being through the resources sector.

Provide ongoing support for investment in critical mineral exploration and production, including to deliver the *Queensland Critical Minerals Strategy*.

Continue to support the development of the resources sector including steel making, coal, and critical minerals.

Continue to unlock additional gas tenements to supply the domestic market.

Investigate the feasibility and options for a new transmission pipeline to connect the Bowen Basin's gas reserves to the east coast of Queensland.

Seek to collaborate with the Federal Government on initiatives dealing with gas security and price while maximising outcomes for Queensland.

Continue to facilitate coexistence between landholders, communities, and the onshore gas industry, in collaboration with Queensland's coexistence institutions.

Maintain self assessable codes for vegetation management, and amend where necessary, in consultation with the Queensland Herbarium.

Continue to ensure Queensland's native vegetation is managed to maintain biodiversity, reduce land degradation, protect water quality, including in the Great Barrier Reef water catchment areas, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Continue to work with the Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, and Minister for Science and Innovation to partner 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).

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 support Natural Resource Management Regions Queensland in coordinating state-wide programs and identifying projects for future investments.

Continue to support the Minister for Treaty, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Communities and Minister for the Arts in partnering with the private sector to identify employment pathways for veterans in the resources industry.

Continue to work with other relevant Ministers to deliver on the approved Government response to the Transport and Resources Committee report 'Inquiry into the economic and regulatory frameworks for Queensland island resorts'.

Continue to deliver enhancements to the State's land administration and valuation legislation and frameworks to better enable the delivery of government priorities that support economic and social outcomes.

Continue to work with the Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing and the Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Innovation 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.

<p>Resources Safety and Health Queensland</p>	<p>Continue to enhance measures to improve the safety and health of resource sector workers through the work of Resources Safety and Health Queensland.</p> <p>Ensure the relevant recommendations of the Queensland Coal Mining Board of Inquiry are implemented, including actions to facilitate High Reliability Organisation behaviours in Queensland's Resources Sector and modernise regulatory enforcement to ensure the future safety of mine workers.</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>