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Dear Attorney-General

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 Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence are to:

- reduce crime using all levers available in the justice system
- ensure the effective and efficient function of the Crime and Corruption Commission
- use levers in Body Corporate and Community Titles schemes to support housing outcomes
- reduce domestic and family violence and improve responses, including criminal justice responses to victims and perpetrators.

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.

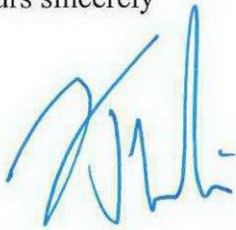
In delivering on these priorities, please ensure you are working with your federal and other Australian state and territory government counterparts to ensure Queensland’s interests are proactively represented and the benefits to Queenslanders are maximised. I will meet with you regularly to discuss progress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



**STEVEN MILES MP
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Portfolio Priorities Statement

Minister: *Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence*

Department(s): *Justice and Attorney-General*

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Public Trust Office

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

Justice

Deliver an effective, responsive, fair and efficient justice system that underpins a just and safe Queensland. A justice system informed by:

- the continuation of the Specialist Magistrates Court for Domestic and Family Violence and expansion of specialist domestic violence approaches in other locations;
- the continuation of specialist courts and court diversion programs such as Courtlink, the Murri Court, Drug and Alcohol Court and other court diversion programs, and the evaluation of those courts and programs;
- the operation of the Justice Reform Office to facilitate innovative solutions, strategies and practices to address increasing demand on the criminal justice system including incarceration rates; and
- delivering fair and effective laws which protect the community through legislative frameworks while maintaining individual's rights.

Work with the Minister for Police and Community Safety and the Minister for Fire and Disaster Recovery and Minister for Corrective Services to identify and progress options to safely reduce demand on the Queensland corrections system.

Through the *National Agreement on Closing the Gap*, the Justice and Policy Partnership work plan, and the First Nations Justice Office, continue to implement initiatives to address justice-related targets to reduce incarceration rates of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people by 2031.

Deliver an efficient and effective justice system underpinned by contemporary technology and safe, accessible and functional infrastructure.

Work to implement the relevant recommendations directed to Government from the Commission of Inquiry relating to the Crime and Corruption Commission, and any recommendations supported by Government from the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee.

Support the implementation of recommendations directed to Government from the Commission of Inquiry into Queensland Police Service responses to domestic and family violence, the Commission of Inquiry into Forensic DNA Testing in Queensland and the Commission of Inquiry into concerns relating to Project 13.

Work with the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance Services and Minister for Women in the oversight and operation of Queensland's voluntary assisted dying scheme.

Continue to deliver key initiatives of the Government's *Tackling Alcohol Fuelled Violence* policies, including continuing compliance checks.

Continue to provide regulatory oversight, compliance assessment and approvals to ensure the integrity of gaming in Queensland, including for the Queen's Wharf Brisbane development.

Continue implementing the Government Response to the twelve recommendations of the Gotterson review of The Star Entertainment Group Ltd in Queensland, including new gambling harm minimisation measures and strengthening the *Casino Control Act 1982*.

Implement the *Gambling Harm Minimisation Plan 2021–2025*, working with the Responsible Gambling Advisory Committee and the gambling industry on further development and implementation of gambling harm minimisation measures.

Continue to implement the regulatory framework for incorporated associations and co-operatives including governance, accountability and reporting obligations for the not-for-profit sector.

Continue to consult with a range of key stakeholders and lead the comprehensive review of the *Justices Act 1886* and the *Criminal Practice Rules 1999* as related to the Magistrates Court.

Continue to consult with key stakeholders as part of the review and modernisation of the *Trusts Act 1973*.

Continue the review of the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997*.

	<p>Continue to consult with the Community Titles Legislation Working Group and review a range of issues impacting the community titles sector.</p> <p>Oversee the response to the Queensland Law Reform Commission's reviews including Queensland's laws relating to the regulatory framework for the sex work industry and its decriminalisation.</p> <p>Lead implementation, with the support of relevant Ministers of the Queensland Government response to the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee Report <i>Inquiry into serious vilification and hate crimes</i>, and the review of the <i>Anti-Discrimination Act 1991</i> by the Queensland Human Rights Commission.</p> <p>Continue to support the Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Multicultural Affairs in reporting on acceptance and implementation of recommendations arising from the Royal Commission into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Multicultural Affairs to assess options to integrate screening processes and realise efficiencies, including in the areas of working with children checks and disability screening.</p> <p>Work with the Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Multicultural Affairs to progress a permanent model for child protection litigation matters.</p> <p>Continue to implement supports for victims of crime, including through engagement with the Independent Ministerial Advisory Council and implementation of recommendations made by the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee inquiry into support provided to victims of crime in Queensland and consideration of recommendations made by the Youth Justice Reform Parliamentary Select Committee, in conjunction with the Minister for Education and Minister for Youth Justice, and Minister for Police and Community Safety.</p>
<p>Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence</p>	<p>Lead work with other Ministers to co-ordinate the Government's roll-out of domestic and family violence reforms.</p> <p>Continue to engage with organisations to provide culturally appropriate and accessible domestic and family violence services throughout the State.</p> <p>Lead implementation of the Queensland Government response to the Women's Justice and Safety Taskforce <i>Hear her Voice – Report one: Addressing coercive control and domestic and family violence in Queensland</i>.</p> <p>Continue to implement the Government's commitment to legislate against coercive control as a form of domestic and family violence and lead targeted consultation with relevant stakeholders including before the commencement of this legislation.</p> <p>Lead implementation of the Queensland Government response to the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce's <i>Hear her Voice – Report two: Women and girls' experiences across the criminal justice system</i>.</p> <p>Lead the ongoing implementation, evaluation and monitoring of the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016–26</i>, including the <i>Fourth Action Plan 2022–23 to 2025–26</i> since the transition of reporting and evaluation functions to the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.</p> <p>Lead implementation of <i>Prevent. Support. Believe. Queensland's Framework to address Sexual Violence</i> and associated action plans.</p> <p>Continue to support the work of the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council.</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> <p>Support work under the joint 10-year <i>National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022 to 2032</i> and Queensland's contributions to its subsequent action plans</p>