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The Honourable Deb Frecklington MP
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Dear Attorney-General

Deb.

Queenslanders have put their faith in us to deliver a fresh start for our great state. As the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity, you have a critical role to play and that will come with significant responsibility.

The Right Plan for Queensland’s Future is a comprehensive plan that will require discipline, focus and unity to deliver.

Together we will ensure safety where people live, provide health services when Queenslanders need them, respect taxpayers’ money, deliver a place to call home for Queenslanders, and drive government to work for the people.

It is my expectation that you will work every day of this term of Government to deliver these priorities for Queensland. As Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity, you are ultimately responsible for the following Government agencies:

Your portfolio responsibilities
Department of Justice
Public Trust Office

I want you to closely align your work every day with the following commitments we have made to Queenslanders.

Our fundamental commitment to Queenslanders
to restore safety where you live
to reinstate health services when you need them
to return respect for your money
to reimagine a place to call home
to redesign a government that works for you

I have outlined for each minister the values I want to drive our Government’s agenda across the Queensland Government agencies which you have carriage for, these are:

Core portfolio values	
Department of Justice	<p><u>Attorney-General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will be one of four ministers charged with reducing victim of crime numbers in Queensland. Victims of crime must always be provided with the utmost support and humanity. Set the tone for a respectful and co-operative relationship with the legal profession, institutions and Heads of Jurisdictions across Queensland. <p><u>Integrity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work closely with the Integrity Commissioner to set standards and procedures for respectful conduct between Members of Parliament, the Executive Government and the Public Service. Drive a culture of accountability that starts with the ministers. Ensure the Estimates process is a genuine opportunity for transparency and accountability in government. Prioritise critical integrity reforms recommended by independent integrity reviews.

In addition to the values outlined above, the key portfolio deliverables that should be your priority include the following:

Key portfolio deliverables	
Department of Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver a justice system for Queensland that prioritises the rights of victims, is efficient, fair and makes our community safer. Boost the capacity of Queensland justice services to ensure victims' cases are heard sooner. Provide support and increased transparency for victims of crime as they navigate the justice system. Reopen the Childrens Court effectively to victims, their families and media to restore transparency to our justice system. Continue the rollout of specialist Domestic and Family Violence courts. Strengthen and streamline the Blue Card system and implement recommendations from the Queensland Family and Child Commission Inquiry to keep Queensland children safe. Ensure Queensland's DNA Forensic Laboratory is of a world-class standard and can be relied upon to bring justice for Queenslanders, delivering on the recommendations from the two commissions of inquiry in a thorough and transparent manner. Restore the Crime and Corruption Commission's powers to report on corruption risks in Queensland.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the Minister for Police and Emergency Services to create a public child sex offender register for Queensland. • Deliver whistle-blower protections and restore integrity to government by introducing a new Public Interest Disclosure Act to better protect whistle-blowers who call out wrongdoing. • Work with hotels and clubs in Queensland to support their businesses and the community. • Work to deliver outstanding recommendations with government support from inquiries and reviews including the Criminal Procedure Review – Magistrates Courts, Women’s Safety and Justice Taskforce, review of the <i>Public Interest Disclosures Act 2010</i>, and Keeping Queensland’s Children more than Safe: Review of the Blue Card System. • Provide effective regulatory oversight of liquor, gaming and fair trading in Queensland, including ensuring the integrity of our casinos. • Work cooperatively with the Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence and the Federal Government, to implement outstanding recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. • Work with the Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence and other relevant Ministers, to progress implementation of recommendations from the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme Review. • Work with the Community Titles Legislation Working Group to address the range of issues impacting the community titles sector, including any outstanding recommendations from the Queensland University of Technology Review into property laws in Queensland. • Oversee the expansion of Safe Night Precincts in accordance with our election commitments. • Re-establish the Mining Warden’s Court with powers to investigate fatal accidents on the state’s mine and quarry sites. • Strengthen the independence of the Integrity Commissioner.
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I will meet with you regularly to discuss progress in implementing these actions.

We all know that many Queenslanders are struggling under significant cost-of-living pressures. In addition to the deliverables listed above, I urge you to identify opportunities to provide long-term cost-of-living relief through structural improvements and prudent oversight for those portfolio areas for which you have carriage for.

It is critical to remember that every decision a minister makes, and all actions taken, must be in the interest of the Queensland public. It is imperative that those decisions and actions should be made without regard to personal, political or other immaterial considerations.

A strong and stable public service creates a strong and stable Queensland. The Queensland Public Service are integral to being able to implement our ambitious and important agenda for the state.

I expect ministers and their staff will engage with chief executive officers and departmental staff with the highest levels of courtesy and respect. I expect you will be an engaged and visible leader for the public servants in your department, both in the central office and the regions, and that you will strongly support your frontline staff in the important work they do.

Your engagement with the Queensland Public Service should always be in accordance with *The Queensland Ministerial Handbook, Ministerial Code of Conduct, Code of Conduct Ministerial Staff Members*, along with ensuring your staff always adhere to the *Protocols for communication between ministerial staff members and department employees*.

It is also important you familiarise yourself with 'Governing Queensland' for the suite of policy and administrative handbooks. These documents are available on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's website at www.premiers.qld.gov.au. These documents provide an explanation for the processes of Government in Queensland.

We have been given the incredible privilege of serving the people of Queensland as their Government. I look forward to working with you to deliver for every Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Crisafulli', with a stylized flourish at the end.

DAVID CRISAFULLI MP
PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR VETERANS