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Dear Minister

Tony

Queenslanders have put their faith in us to deliver a fresh start for our great state. As the Minister for Primary Industries, 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 Minister for Primary Industries, you are ultimately responsible for the following Government agencies:

Your portfolio responsibilities

Department of Primary Industries

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 Primary Industries	<u>Primary Industries</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the long-term future for traditional primary industries that have been a key pillar in our State's enduring economic prosperity. • Develop new agricultural products and frontiers by harnessing emerging technologies. • Explore new and innovative ways to improve on farm productivity and profitability for growers. • Safeguard and strengthen Queensland biosecurity systems to underpin the future of the industry.

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

Key portfolio deliverables	
Department of Primary Industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boost Queensland's farm gate output to \$30 billion by 2030. • Provide certainty around long-term regulation and taxation to encourage expansion and new investment in Queensland agriculture. • Deliver our Queensland first agricultural innovation fund, the \$30 million Sowing the Seeds of Farming Innovation fund. • Secure the future of the Mossman community by working with the community and cane industry to deliver a \$12.5 million investment, supporting the delivery of next year's sugar cane crop, including a transport guarantee to ensure the crop can be harvested. • Support Queensland's commercial and recreational fishing sectors by only legislating scientifically backed changes to regulation, with compulsory regulatory impact statements, and fairly compensating all fishers for any changes required. • In consultation with key stakeholders including industry, work to deliver a landmark Queensland Timber Action Plan within the first year of forming government, ensuring the state has access to the timber required to build one million homes by 2044. • Secure policy settings that underpin a stronger supply of timber production into the future, ultimately improving the access and price of timber for end users. • Review the closure of the Cape York Biosecurity Facility at Coen and move to reinstate our northern line of biosecurity defence. • Supercharge scientifically backed research for the future of Queensland's food and fibre production. • Work with industry and higher education to drive the future skills requirements to build Queensland's agricultural workforce, including training for the AgTech jobs of the future.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen Queensland’s biosecurity frontline with an additional \$50 million investment over the next four years, employing 100 additional frontline biosecurity staff at regional Department of Primary Industries facilities in biosecurity hotspots, including new stock inspectors, veterinarians, agronomists, research and development and AgTech specialists. • Work with stakeholders to deliver Beef Week 2027 with an additional \$4.5 million in Government funding. • Work with fellow relevant ministers to support a reduction to input costs like water and electricity for food and fibre production. • Invest in industry-led best management practice programs to increase sustainability and support landholders to get the best outcome for their crops. • Work with the Minister for Environment and Tourism, Science and Innovation to increase private protected areas in Queensland, rewarding stewardship and ensuring prime agricultural land is maintained.
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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 Queenslander.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Crisafulli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" written in a larger, more legible script than the last name "Crisafulli".

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