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Dear Deputy Premier

Ministerial Deliverables

Congratulations on your success in the electorate of Callide and thank you for accepting my invitation to serve Queensland as the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.

Our electoral success was achieved with a strong cohesive *CanDo* team committed to real change, and your contribution to the team played a significant part. Queenslanders have voted for change, and it is critical that we respect the trust bestowed on us by delivering on our commitments to grow a four pillar economy, lower the cost of living by cutting waste, deliver better infrastructure and better planning, revitalise front line services for families, restore accountability in Government and work towards our goal of achieving 4% unemployment in six years.

For this reason, I am writing to each Minister outlining my expectations of the priority tasks to be achieved to deliver on our election commitments. You and your Department have a vital role to play in the reform program, as reflected in the following tasks for which I am requesting you to take responsibility.

I expect that at all times Ministers will demonstrate to the public the capabilities and behaviours that will define us as the Government we undertook to be – united, energetic, disciplined and ethical. I refer you to the Queensland Cabinet Handbook, the Queensland Ministerial Handbook, the Queensland Executive Council Handbook, the Queensland Parliamentary Procedures Handbook and the Queensland Legislation Handbook.

Contribution to the 100 Day Plan

The following are the specific tasks relevant to your portfolio which you need to achieve in the first 100 days of Government.

- Commence action to implement the recommendations of the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry in consultation with the Premier, and the Minister for Local Government (First 30 days).
- Initiate negotiations with the Commonwealth Government for better flood mitigation funding arrangements in Queensland (First 30 days)
- Appoint an industry “Go To” person for the property and construction industry, supported by Growth Management Queensland (First 30 days).

- Establish and chair a Cabinet Committee focussed on property and construction (First 30 days).
- Appoint the Bruce Highway Crisis Management Group in consultation with the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (First 30 days).
- Begin a Statutory Regional Planning process for the Darling Downs and Golden Triangle, and act to protect the Scenic Rim from inappropriate resource development including CSG. Close consultation with relevant Ministerial colleagues will be required.
- Appoint the Gasfields Land and Water Commissioner to better oversee the relationship between rural landholders and the CSG industry. Please also consult with relevant colleagues, including the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines.
- Restore the Coordinator-General's power and authority to properly facilitate major projects in a timely and responsible manner and ensure the economic development of Queensland.
- Establish 'Infrastructure Queensland' to advise the State Government on long term infrastructure planning, prioritisation and ongoing management and maintenance.
- Establish the framework to begin identifying projects for investment under our Royalties for the Regions initiatives to benefit communities in resource regions, in consultation with relevant portfolio Ministers.
- Commence arrangements for improving access to Trinity Inlet.
- Establish the Gold Coast Waterways Authority and commence works program to improve access to the Broadwater.
- Commence work on a proper engineering based 10-year 'Crisis Action Plan' to fix the Bruce Highway.
- Consult with the Attorney-General on drafting legislative amendments to reduce real estate red tape by scrapping sustainability declarations and streamlining home sale contracts and warning statements.
- Task the Assistant Minister for Planning Reform to review the Sustainable Planning Act to make it the most cost efficient, time effective planning framework in Australia.

First Term Tasks

In addition to these early milestones, the following tasks within your area of Ministerial responsibility are to be achieved within the first term of Government.

- Implement all LNP election policy commitments relevant to your portfolio.
- Identify wasteful expenditure that can be redirected to frontline services.
- Implement priorities identified in the LNP's Infrastructure Discussion Paper within the budget constraints.
- Implement a 10 year strategy to fix the Bruce Highway including successful partnership arrangements with the Federal Government and the completion of an engineering based solution for investment ready projects.
- Finalise a strategy for the upgrade of the Warrego Highway.
- Establish a best in class business case for the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing including participation by the private sector and the Federal Government, in consultation with Minister for Transport and Main Roads. This exploration should also include consideration of the transfer of freight to rail.
- Take a clear leadership role to restore an appropriate balance between agriculture and resource development in regional Queensland.
- Deliver regional infrastructure and community building programs under the Royalties for the Regions program.

- Implement the LNP's election commitment to cut waste by reducing travel, advertising and consultancy expenditure.
- Implement the LNP's election commitment for sustainable public sector growth.
- Implement the LNP's election commitment to reduce red tape.
- Continue to establish effective working relationships with stakeholders and other interest groups relevant to your portfolio areas.

Key issues for consideration

The task we have set together to get this State back on track is a massive one. Your leadership and consultation with colleagues across all relevant portfolios and areas of the State will continue to be extremely important as we move forward.

Your leadership particularly in advocating for a balance between environmental sustainability, and the growth of our industries will be vital in this term of government. We need to grow all our industries, build vital infrastructure, and at the same time continue to protect Queensland's environment for the future.

Could you please consult with your Director-General to ensure these goals are understood by the Department and that systems are in place to monitor and report on progress towards their achievement, so that you are able to update Cabinet regularly. In this regard, the Department of Premier and Cabinet will be responsible for coordinating reports to Cabinet on progress, and will assist your Department with proposed reporting formats.

I intend to review this charter and your efforts to implement it regularly.

Finally, I congratulate you again on your appointment and I look forward to working closely with you as a Ministerial colleague as we implement our policies and achieve the goal of providing a CanDo Government to get Queensland back on track.

Yours sincerely

**CAMPBELL NEWMAN
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND**