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# A message from the Leader of the LNP

Like many Queenslanders, my story starts with a migrant family.

In 1960 a man known as Frank took a leap of faith and left his homeland of Italy for North Queensland. He saw Queensland as a land of opportunity. A place where, with a lot of hard work and a bit of luck, he could build a home and provide for his family.

Over 60 years later, my family still believes Queensland is a land of opportunity. But they also see Queenslanders being held back by a dysfunctional government veering into a state of chaos and crisis.

Restoring Queensland's opportunity is what drives me every day.

Opportunity is also what drives Queenslanders. That's the message we've heard as we have travelled the State.

Queenslanders see a collapsing health system, a lack of affordable housing options, a youth crime crisis and a government that has given up honestly working for them.

They are frustrated the current Government is no longer listening to Queenslanders' priorities and the Government is focused on themselves rather than our State's future.

Yet Queenslanders remain confident in the underlying fact we live in a state with unmatched resources, a great environment, and endless possibilities. They just want a government that will help Queensland reach its potential.

My job is to chart a new course for our State, restore confidence, and make Queensland the land of opportunity once more. My job is to focus on Queenslanders' priorities.

An LNP Government will do this by providing stability and governing with integrity. We will provide better services for you. Most importantly, we will deliver on the promises we make.

Queenslanders have spoken and we have listened. This document presents the priorities Queenslanders have outlined to us and provides a blueprint for an LNP Government to lead the State forward.

I look forward to working with you to deliver the right priorities for Queensland's future.

*David Crisafulli*

**David Crisafulli MP**  
Leader of the LNP





***We will chart a new course with the right priorities for Queensland's future.***

**David Crisafulli MP**

## **Our Mission**

Queensland has long been the State of opportunity, but right now we're falling far short of our full potential. We're being held back by a Labor Government focused on itself instead of what matters to Queenslanders.

During this term, David Crisafulli and the LNP team have travelled to every corner of our State to listen to the concerns and priorities of those who call Queensland home.

While the Labor Government has been busy providing cover for their friends in Canberra, we have held Health Crisis Town Halls, backyard crime forums, residential care forums, and worked closely with housing and homelessness providers. We have heard directly from thousands of Queenslanders from all walks of life.

Their feedback is consistent and their frustration is clear. Though they believe we live in a State with unlimited potential, they also tell us our Government is squandering it, steering us in the wrong direction and making life harder through delay and mismanagement.

They are worried Labor has been distracted by its long-running leadership crisis and lost sight of what's important to them.

They are feeling the impact of government failures in delivering essential services, infrastructure and programs we all rely on. They are feeling ignored by Labor, while they struggle with the cost-of-living and making ends meet.

The LNP has been listening.

And we have the right priorities for Queensland's future.

The LNP is committed to putting the focus back on the needs of Queenslanders, and we'll make it our mission to restore public faith in those who have the privilege to serve our great State.

Queenslanders' aspirations will be our goals, with an LNP Government putting ordinary people at the heart of its plans to secure Queensland's future.

No more dithering on youth crime.

No more excuses on the health crisis.

No more paying for Labor's failures.

No more queues around the block to secure a home.

An LNP Government will work harder for Queenslanders.

This document is just the start. It outlines our blueprint for action and spells out the priorities of an LNP Government, led by David Crisafulli, which will secure Queensland's future.

# Making Our Community Safer

Our priorities to make our community safer include:

**Increasing** the number of police on the beat through retention and attraction

**Restoring** consequence for action at the heart of the Youth Justice Act

**Ensuring** judges can impose sentences that reflect community expectations

**Diverting** young lives from crime by reforming Early Intervention programs

**Fixing** the broken Child Safety and Residential Care systems to prevent vulnerable kids heading down a path of crime



**Queenslanders deserve to feel safe in their own communities and not worry about where to hide their car keys or if their children are secure at night.**

**David Crisafulli MP**

# Safe Communities, Safe Homes

Queensland is in the grip of a youth crime crisis.

Queenslanders now fear becoming the next victim of crime as they simply go about their daily lives.

Families are living in fear in their own homes. They are worried about walking down their street because of the alarming escalation of crime across our State. They are being forced to make hard choices. Do they leave their car keys at the front door so thieves will quickly find them and leave, or do they hide the keys and risk criminals rummaging through their homes and disturbing their children?

Car theft is up. Break-ins are up. Far too many Queenslanders have lost their lives because of youth crime. Regardless of whether they have been personally impacted by crime, all Queenslanders are facing higher insurance costs as Queensland is now the car theft capital of the nation.

When the Labor Government weakened the laws, they created a generation of young criminals who see themselves as untouchables. They don't fear the law because they know there are no consequences for breaking it.

At the same time, the thin blue line continues to get thinner. Police are leaving because they're being stretched too far and don't feel supported by a justice system that provides real consequences for offenders.

A top priority for Queenslanders is restoring safety to their neighbourhood and community.

An LNP Government will address the youth crime crisis gripping Queensland.

This starts with rewriting the Youth Justice Act to put consequence for action at the heart of the youth justice system. The rights of victims will be put before the rights of criminals. The LNP will unshackle the

judiciary to ensure sentences reflect individual cases and meet community expectations.

Importantly, an LNP Government will deliver gold standard early intervention programs to put kids back on the right track before they commit more serious crimes. These programs will be appropriately funded and constantly assessed to ensure they remain effective.

Too often the dysfunctional Child Safety system is acting as a gateway into the youth justice system as young people become hardcore, repeat offenders, instead of getting the support they need.

Addressing youth crime also involves real reform of the Child Safety system. Too many young Queenslanders are living in unsafe situations, leaving them vulnerable to a life of crime and ending up in the youth justice system.

An LNP Government will prioritise increased resources for the Child Safety system to ensure each child can live in a safe and nurturing home. An LNP Government will prioritise guidance, opportunity and discipline for children in Residential Care with the goal of supporting children into foster care and adoption when they're unable to be cared for by their parents.

An LNP Government will also put victims at the heart of our approach. Our priority will be restoring confidence in our justice system by fixing Queensland's forensic lab, and giving victims the voice they haven't had under this Labor Government.

We recognise more needs to be done when it comes to domestic and family violence, and sexual violence against women. Despite a litany of reports and inquiries, too many women are still experiencing violence in Queensland, while key recommendations remain incomplete.

# Paris and Will's Story

Queenslanders Paris and Will had their cars broken into and their work tools stolen in the dead of night. Thousands of dollars' worth of trade equipment has been taken in one targeted burglary.

It's not the first time their local area has been hit. Youth crime has become increasingly common in Paris and Will's neighbourhood, with entire streets being hit multiple times a month.

Police have been powerless to stop the increasing threat of youth crime and Paris and Will are worried offenders are becoming increasingly confident. Offenders know they're untouchable and only get a slap on the wrist if they're caught.

For Paris and Will, youth crime has a real impact on their lives. They work six days a week to create a better life, but now question why, when they're forced to spend their hard-earned money replacing what's been stolen. Paris and Will don't feel like crime is a priority for the Labor Government.



*Criminals are getting younger and younger, and they know they're untouchable. Crime is just not a priority for the State Government.*

Paris

# Easier Access to Health Services

Our priorities to deliver easier access to health services include:

**Driving-down** ambulance ramping and healthcare waitlists

**Empowering** local decision-making in health

**Providing** more healthcare professionals through retention and attraction

**Building** hospitals on-time and on-budget

**Improving** hospital performance through real-time data

**Delivering** better access to health services in regional Queensland

**Reopening** maternity services in regional Queensland



**Queenslanders deserve a world-class health system they can rely on, no matter where they live.**

David Crisafulli MP

# Less Waiting, More Care

Queenslanders want to know the health system will be able to help them in their hour of need.

For too long we've seen the long lines of ambulances ramped at hospitals, waiting hours to get into the Emergency Department. It's a clear sign of a health system in crisis, held together only by the sheer determination of our healthcare professionals.

Today, thousands of Queenslanders sit on surgery waiting lists, waiting for the life-saving or life-changing surgeries they need. These Queenslanders are not statistics. They are real people with harrowing stories. The tradie who can't work and earn a living for her family while she waits for a knee reconstruction. The grandfather who can't look after his grandkids because cataracts prevent him from driving. The child who is falling further behind at school while she waits for a hearing implant. These are not hypotheticals; they are the lived experiences of thousands of Queenslanders.

Then there are the babies born on highways because maternity services have been closed in regional areas. Parents should not be denied the opportunity to birth their baby in their local community when generations before them have done so.

A critical priority for Queenslanders is having a health system they can rely on, with services available in their local communities.

Health services have been in decay under this Labor Government because they've failed to plan, resource and run our health system. Their focus has been on announcements rather than delivering services.

An LNP Government will prioritise healing our health system by empowering Queensland's frontline clinical staff to make the best decisions for the regions they serve. We will target investment to where it's needed most and provide real-time data on the performance of hospitals, so Queenslanders can once again rely on our health system.

We will adopt world-class triaging to streamline care, allowing patients to receive healthcare quicker, and avoid potential complications from languishing on a waiting list.

New and innovative ways of delivering healthcare will provide Queenslanders with better health outcomes and improve what we can deliver with our current health resources.

An LNP Government will also ensure Queensland gets its fair share from Canberra. We will relentlessly pursue greater funding, regardless of which party is in power nationally.

# Stephen's Story

Stephen's wife passed away in his arms, waiting for an ambulance to arrive.

Living just three minutes from his local hospital, when Stephen called an ambulance to help his wife, he didn't expect to be left waiting for 20 minutes.

On the night in question, ambulances were in short supply, with extensive ramping outside the Emergency Department. When an ambulance was dispatched, it was sent to the wrong address, costing precious minutes.

Stephen says he feels let down by a broken health system. He is frustrated paramedics are spending their shifts sitting with patients on ambulance ramps, because there's no room in Emergency Departments. He is worried ambulance ramping is preventing paramedics from responding to life-threatening emergencies and wants the Government to finally prioritise fixing Queensland's health crisis.

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*Our health system is broken. This Government isn't prioritising the Queensland healthcare system and people are dying as a result.*

**Stephen**





# Saving you paying for Labor's failures

Our priorities to save Queenslanders paying for Labor's failures include:

**Reducing** Labor Government waste rather than hitting Queenslanders with higher taxes and fees

**Delivering** better services and infrastructure for every taxpayer dollar invested

**Attracting** economic investment to Queensland

**Properly** maintaining our power plants

**Driving-down** the cost-of-living by reducing the impact of crime on insurance premiums

**Driving-down** the cost-of-living by reducing traffic congestion

**Driving-down** the cost-of-living by investing in natural disaster mitigation

**Identifying** opportunities to reduce fees and charges

**Reducing** state and local government red tape for individuals and businesses

**Streamlining** government processes that are stifling small and family businesses

**Increasing** opportunities and productivity for small and family businesses and their staff

**Investing** in vocational training and the skills for our future

**Delivering** opportunities for small and family businesses to compete for state government work

**Improving** payment terms for small and family businesses

**Creating** investment opportunities in Queensland for the Defence industry

## Responsible Economic Management

Queenslanders are tired of being used as an ATM by a government that can't manage its own budget.

Despite the promise of no new taxes, the Labor Government has introduced 15 new taxes including a renters' tax, a patients' tax and significant royalty increases without consultation, making companies question if Queensland is still a safe place to invest.

All the while, they continue to waste billions of dollars on project blowouts and scare away investment from our State.

A key priority for Queenslanders is responsible economic management that respects their money.

An LNP Government will use a reinstated Productivity Commission to ensure every dollar collected achieves the maximum possible value for Queenslanders. An empowered and respected public service will be encouraged to find new and innovative ways to deliver better services and achieve better outcomes with the greatest of respect for the contribution of taxpayers.

We will focus on growing our economy, backing innovation and supporting local businesses to deliver benefits for all Queenslanders.

We will support our agriculture industry with new technology and opportunity. We've listened as our farmers have told us they want government to provide the platform for innovation and pathways for investment, but then allow them to get on with what they do best.

An LNP Government will work to reduce the tax burden facing Queenslanders today and the debt burden future Queenslanders will inherit. This will be achieved through disciplined financial management, while ensuring opportunities aren't missed due to a lack of investment.



**Queensland needs stability, tax certainty and less regulation, not the steepest cost-of-living increases in the nation.**

David Crisafulli MP

# The Madden Family's Story

The Madden family of four are increasingly struggling to make ends meet. With rental prices, energy bills and everyday expenses continuing to rise, they're discussing what other costs they can cut to cover their bills.

Like many families, they usually run their air-conditioning throughout summer to keep cool. This year, they fear they'll be forced to switch to fans because of rising electricity costs.

For Kimberley and Adrian, skyrocketing cost-of-living is having a real impact on their everyday lives and they believe the State Government should be taking action to stop energy prices increasing.



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*Families like ours are struggling with the cost-of-living. Our water has increased, rental prices have gone up and electricity is going up. We're concerned we may not be able to afford the luxury of air-conditioning this Summer. Bringing down electricity prices needs to be a priority for the State Government.*

**Kimberley**

# Cost-of-Living Relief

Queenslanders know the failures of this Government are being felt in their hip pocket.

Governments should be driving-down costs for Queenslanders, not inflating cost pressures during a cost-of-living crisis, but under this Labor Government, Queensland has faced the steepest cost-of-living pressures in the nation.

When a government fails to invest in our road network, it's Queensland motorists who see their fuel bills grow through rising congestion.

When a government fails to properly maintain our power plants, forcing them to go offline for years, it's Queensland households and businesses that pay more for electricity.

When a government lets youth crime get out of control, it's Queenslanders who see the cost of their insurance go through the roof.

When a government fails to invest in natural disaster mitigation, it's Queenslanders who see their insurance premiums become unaffordable.

One of the most important priorities for Queenslanders is a government that is helping reduce cost-of-living pressures.

An LNP Government will prioritise structural cost-of-living relief for Queenslanders, while still delivering the services Queenslanders need and expect.

We will put a stop to the fundamental failures of government that are driving up costs for families. That's why an LNP Government will keep our power plants properly maintained to minimise unexpected repairs and increase reliability.

At a time when Queenslanders need to carefully manage their household budgets, an LNP Government will carefully manage the State Budget. Wherever possible, we will reduce the tax burden on Queenslanders, because we believe your money is better in your pocket than the Government's pocket.

# Reducing Red Tape and Regulation

Queenslanders hate being tied up with red tape.

Whether they are starting a new business, building their dream home, planning a school fete or simply doing their job, time spent complying with meaningless regulations or filling out forms is a handbrake on productivity.

That's why sensible red tape reduction is a priority for Queenslanders.

An LNP Government will work with small and family businesses to identify opportunities to remove red tape. We will strip back redundant legislation that fails to deliver a positive outcome for Queenslanders. This will benefit our economy and allow government to get out of the way of businesses, empowering them to get on with what they do best.

It should be easy to deal with government. An LNP Government will empower the public service to work with businesses and individuals to develop streamlined processes that make sense, and are quick and easy to use.

# Supporting our Small and Family Businesses

Queensland's economy is built on the back of small and family businesses, but today the dream of owning a business feels increasingly out of reach.

Mountains of red tape, skilled worker shortages, housing shortages, a government that's not small business friendly, and of course the risk from rising crime are issues Queensland business owners say are keeping them up at night.

For Queensland small and family business owners, their biggest priority is getting a fair go.

An LNP Government will make it easier to establish and run a small and family business. We will remove unnecessary red tape and get out of the way of businesses so they can do what they do best.

An LNP Government will prioritise a business-friendly

economy, providing Queenslanders the confidence to begin or expand their enterprise. This will in turn create more job opportunities and grow our economy, multiplying the benefits for all.

An LNP Government will also provide Queensland businesses with the opportunity to compete for government work. If they are a supplier to the State Government, we'll make sure they get paid on-time, every time.

We want Queensland businesses to grow and thrive but we will also encourage businesses to relocate here. Adding to our natural benefits, attractive incentives will be used to create new jobs in Queensland.



# Securing our Housing Foundations

Our priorities to secure our housing foundations include:

**Improving** housing affordability with more land supply

**Helping** Queenslanders realise their dream of owning their own home

**Developing** timely plans for the future of every Queensland region to identify what infrastructure and services are needed to accommodate our growth

**Working** closely with local governments to plan and deliver our Regional Plans and more housing for Queenslanders

**Improving** project management to deliver infrastructure on-time and on-budget

**Strengthening** the public service's project management capabilities

**Delivering** congestion-busting road projects to get people home quicker

**Investing** in water security and flood mitigation projects

**Ensuring** the Olympics and Paralympics are delivered with a focus on value for money and independence

**Driving** long-term benefits for all Queenslanders from the Olympics and Paralympics



**Many young people believe they'll never own a home in Queensland, that's not the future we should be aspiring to.**

**David Crisafulli MP**

## It's Your Home

Queenslanders are worried about how their family will keep a roof over their heads during this housing crisis and they're losing confidence they'll ever be able to afford their own home.

Under the Labor Government, the number of new lots approved has been steadily declining, reducing housing supply at a time when demand continues to increase.

Investors are increasingly unwilling to fund new housing developments in Queensland after the Labor Government's attempt to introduce a renters' tax and change the investment landscape in Queensland.

Queensland's social housing waitlist has exploded under the Labor Government and the Auditor-General has found the Government has no plan for future investment.

Due to their failure to plan, the Labor Government's strategy to boost social housing is to focus on buying existing properties, which just exacerbates existing shortages of housing stock.

One of Queenslanders' key priorities for government is affordable and available housing for renters and first-home buyers.

That's why an LNP Government will deliver housing options to cater to the varying needs of Queenslanders and drive-up home ownership.

Home ownership shouldn't be out of reach of working Queenslanders and we don't want young Queenslanders to give up the dream of owning their own home. An LNP Government will prioritise partnerships with local government and the private sector to get more housing stock to market and to improve affordability. We will have a competitive approach to address the other friction points of home ownership under the State Government's control, particularly for first home buyers.

Under an LNP Government, private sector investment will once again be welcome in Queensland. This will ensure more rental properties will be available for people requiring or seeking this more affordable and flexible housing option. Only an LNP Government can provide certainty in taxation, planning and regulations to rebuild trust for investors.

An LNP Government will also strengthen the social housing safety net for those Queenslanders who find themselves in need. We will partner with the not-for-profit sector to deliver more community housing, which has gone backward under this Labor Government.

# Daniella's Story

Daniella and her partner suddenly became homeless when their rent skyrocketed by 30 per cent in the middle of Queensland's housing crisis.

With high housing demand and limited places available, they were priced-out of their suburb and unable to secure social housing. In desperation they stayed in holiday accommodation or cheap hotels when they could afford to, or slept in a tent, or on the beach when they were short on money.

Despite pleading for support from the Government, they sat on the social housing waitlist, without anywhere to go.

Daniella applied for more than 200 homes over five months before finally securing a rental property with the support of her local community centre.



*Because of the rental crisis and the high demand for our suburb, our rent was put up above what we could afford and we had to move out.*

*Over five months we applied for more than 200 houses, all because we have a housing shortage in Queensland.*

Daniella



# Planning that Protects our Way of Life

Queenslanders are increasingly worried the Labor Government doesn't have a plan to deliver the new infrastructure we need to protect our enviable way of life.

Queensland has a beautiful environment and a great lifestyle that attracts people from around Australia and the world.

Under the current Labor Government, planning has been put on the go-slow. They are failing to forecast what we need to sustain our population growth.

Whether it is the growing threat of water restrictions because new water supplies haven't been secured, the lack of energy security with ever-growing demands on our electricity grid or the ever-growing traffic congestion because transport infrastructure is lagging behind, this Labor Government's decisions are impacting our way of life.

Queenslanders want to maintain their lifestyle and their priority is ensuring the next generation can enjoy an even better way of life.

An LNP Government will prioritise the proper planning, delivery and evaluation of infrastructure, services and programs Queensland needs for the future.

We will ensure our growing population has more opportunities and we won't allow our enviable lifestyle to be compromised.

An LNP Government will ensure Regional Plans are properly scoped and detailed so every Queenslanders can be confident their communities are ready for growth. This will mean our partners in other levels of government, the private and community sectors understand the role they can play to maintain our lifestyle.

# Infrastructure Done Right

Queenslanders are frustrated they aren't getting the roads, rail, hospital and other infrastructure their communities need.

Under this Labor Government, budgets are blowing out by billions of dollars and projects are being delayed by years.

When projects have cost overruns, other critical works get delayed or cancelled. That's roads that can't get widened, intersections that can't be made safer and rail crossings that will continue to cause delays to motorists and public transport.

It is flood levees that don't get built or roads that aren't raised to make our communities more resilient.

A priority for Queenslanders is having projects planned and delivered without money being wasted.

An LNP Government will end Labor's chaos and crisis that's seen infrastructure costs blow out by billions of dollars and timeframes delayed by years.

We will restore discipline to the delivery of new transport, utilities and social infrastructure. Projects will be properly planned and then delivered prudently, with the aim of maximising the benefit of every taxpayer dollar.

Our public service will be upskilled, to strengthen in-house infrastructure planning, delivery and long-term maintenance capabilities.

An LNP Government will also partner with local government and the private and community sectors to deliver infrastructure where possible, allowing government to drive its investment dollar even further.

# Olympic-Sized Opportunities

Queenslanders are worried the Labor Government's focus on the Olympic and Paralympic Games is about a short event, not generational infrastructure.

Queenslanders supported the Games bid because of the potential to deliver long-term benefits for the State, but they're increasingly concerned by the lack of progress on promised infrastructure.

We were promised a decade-long runway of jobs and investment but there has been little progress.

Queenslanders are questioning how projects like The Gabba have increased in cost with no explanation from the Government, and no clear understanding about what they are getting for their money.

A priority for Queenslanders is seeing statewide, long-term legacy from the Games.

An LNP Government will prioritise an Independent Infrastructure Delivery Authority to oversee Olympic and Paralympic infrastructure delivery, as was part of the original proposal.

An LNP Government will work with our Olympic and Paralympic partners to deliver an event that will set a new standard for future hosts. We will ensure this is an event every Queenslanders can be proud of but one that also delivers benefits for decades to come.

Our focus will be an infrastructure legacy catering for our population growth. An LNP Government will also deliver a 20-year plan to capitalise on the tourism opportunities that come from showcasing Queensland's beauty to billions of households across the world.





# Working harder for Queenslanders

Our priorities for better government in Queensland include:

**Investing** in agricultural industries to develop new technology and new markets for regional Queensland

**Ensuring** energy transition is affordable, sustainable and beneficial for all Queenslanders

**Supporting** volunteers and community organisations to strengthen our communities

**Supporting** Social Enterprises to help our most vulnerable

**Improving** women's economic security

**Boosting** student-to-teacher ratios in schools

**Cracking-down** on violence against teachers and students

**Improving** opportunities for children with additional needs

**De-cluttering** the curriculum so teachers can teach

**Investing** in Indigenous communities to create opportunity

**Preserving** our environment with additional focus on local environmental projects and enhanced invasive species management

**Improving** the health of our waterways

**Increasing** protected areas across our State working with land owners

**Publishing** key performance indicators for government services and reporting on progress

**Reforming** the Right to Information process

**Reforming** the Estimates process

**Strengthening** the independence of the Integrity Commissioner

**Strengthening** the independence of the Auditor-General

**Ensuring** public servants feel safe in their employment

**Strengthening** and empowering the public service

**Building** a culture of frank and fearless advice in the public service

**Appointing** a Minister for Open Data and a Minister for Integrity in Government

# A prosperous future for our regional communities

Regional Queenslanders feel ignored and disregarded.

While our regions are the economic powerhouses of Queensland's economy, they don't feel they are sharing the benefits.

The services taken for granted in cities are increasingly disappearing from regional areas under this Labor Government.

Regional Queenslanders want their government to prioritise bringing back services and jobs to their communities.

An LNP Government will value and recognise the important part regional Queensland plays in our State's future. Regional communities will not be abandoned.

Our regional communities have been built on the back of robust resource, agriculture and tourism sectors. These industries will continue to have a place in Queensland's future.

An LNP Government will identify new opportunities for these industries using new technology and identify new markets for these products. An LNP Government will ensure these industries can grow while demonstrating the highest standards of sustainability and environmental protection for the benefit of all.

An LNP Government will also ensure regional Queensland has the transport links, health services and social infrastructure needed for their continued prosperity.

Our priority will be making regional communities more desirable places to live, work and relax, because thriving regional communities are critical for the future of our great State.



**We will restore integrity and govern for all Queenslanders on the priorities that matter to them.**

David Crisafulli MP

# Geraldine's Story

Geraldine's family has lived in regional Queensland for nearly a decade and seen opportunity and prosperity outside of Brisbane fade away. She feels living in regional Queensland is becoming more and more difficult with services disappearing, infrastructure left neglected and crime escalating.

Geraldine volunteers at a local school and has watched-on as Queensland's education outcomes have gone backward in recent years.

To get the specialist medical treatment she needs, Geraldine is now forced to travel hours to Brisbane, which is costing her more because regional Tilt Train services have been cut.

She is worried about the Brisbane-centric focus of the Labor Government and the impacts on transport, infrastructure, health and policing. She's worried the Government seems to have checked-out on the important decisions and has no interest in consulting regional Queenslanders about decisions impacting their lives.

Geraldine is frustrated her regional community and others have been disregarded and simply don't have the representation they need.



*The Government has forgotten about regional Queensland. In my job we future-plan, but this Government doesn't look ahead. They make decisions without consultation and without thinking how it impacts us.*

**Geraldine**



# Every Queenslander at their best

Queenslanders want a return to the community connection where we know our neighbours and our children play together in the street.

Connection, and communities, have long been hallmarks of Queensland but are gradually being eroded by a Labor Government. As a result, our volunteers don't feel valued. Our firefighters, paramedics, police and nurses feel they've been neglected and access to critical services has been limited in our regions.

An LNP Government will invest to strengthen the fabric of our communities and empower community organisations to bring Queenslanders back together.

We will prioritise investment in grassroots sport, to strengthen local communities and give young people the opportunity to become the next generation of sporting champions.

We will support our newest Queenslanders, the migrants who have chosen Queensland as the place to build their future, with the services and programs they need to contribute to community and our economy at every level. Because we know our multicultural communities make Queensland stronger.

The LNP believes all Queenslanders should have an opportunity to contribute to our State's prosperity and receive the benefits of employment.

Neither age, ability nor background will be barriers to participation in our communities and employment under an LNP Government.

Our youth will be provided with education and training to start their careers and our seniors will be supported to remain in employment until they choose to retire.

By supporting our social enterprises, an LNP Government will also help create opportunities for marginalised Queenslanders. For some, this will be the first stepping stone to greater employment possibilities. For others, social enterprises will provide ongoing employment that delivers the dignity and opportunity that comes from having a job. Disability, disadvantage or cultural background should never be allowed to stand in the way of opportunity.

The LNP also believes in greater economic empowerment for women. We also recognise the importance of greater economic empowerment of our Indigenous communities due to historical disadvantage. With economic empowerment comes self-determination and a broadening of opportunities for this and future generations.

# An education system delivering results for everyone

Queensland parents are concerned their children aren't gaining the skills they need at school to prepare them for the future.

Instead of leading the nation, Queensland's education system is falling further behind in reading, writing and numeracy.

Our teachers are increasingly being pulled out of the classroom for non-teaching responsibilities and a shortage of teachers mean our kids aren't getting the individual attention and consistency they need to reach their full potential.

Parents are increasingly wondering if their children are safe with alarming levels of assaults, drug and weapons incidents in our schools and discipline disappearing from classrooms.

The education system must deliver results for everyone. The LNP will invest in new programs that help children with additional needs to reach their full potential.

A key priority for Queensland parents is having their kids receive a world-class education to prepare them for university, for work or for vocational training. They're frustrated with the chaos and crisis they are getting under this Labor Government.

An LNP Government will prioritise lifting education standards and providing safe, high-quality education facilities for Queenslanders.

Restoring our education system includes empowering our teachers to do what they do best. Teachers are being pulled out of the classroom with a growing administrative workload and are facing an ever-cluttered curriculum.

Teachers must be empowered to focus on the basics and be given the time to respond to students' needs. An LNP Government will free up teachers to get them back doing what they love – teaching our kids.

We must also improve the learning environment by providing modern and safe facilities for students and teachers, to create a safe and nurturing environment in our schools and prepare students with the skills they will need in a rapidly changing jobs landscape. We must focus on keeping teachers safe in the classroom.

Queensland businesses are concerned there's a shortage of the skilled workers Queensland requires to remain competitive across a range of industries.

An LNP Government will also strengthen vocational education to deliver the skills industry needs, ensuring TAFE and Registered Training Organisations provide accessible and relevant training to prepare young workers for evolving and new industries.

# Improving outcomes for our Indigenous communities

Queenslanders want their government to deliver better outcomes for Indigenous Queenslanders.

Education, health and housing standards in our Indigenous communities have been falling further and further behind. Life expectancy remains lower for Indigenous Queenslanders, while preventable and treatable diseases are claiming lives.

After nearly a decade of this Labor Government, the gap is widening, not closing.

Queenslanders want their government to be outcomes focused, which is why a LNP Government will hold Ministers accountable for lifting the standards of education, health and housing for Indigenous Queenslanders.

We will focus on the issues that matter to Indigenous Queenslanders, like health services in their communities, clean drinking water and community infrastructure, and more opportunities for jobs and to buy their own homes.

# A Better Environment for our Children

Queenslanders want real outcomes, not empty environmental announcements, from their government.

The Labor Government has failed to deliver on their promised environmental targets such as recycling rates, expansion of protected areas and protecting threatened species.

Those on the land are crying out for more to be done to address the invasive pests and weeds being left to thrive and spread throughout our national parks.

Queensland is the most biodiverse State in Australia, it's what makes us special.

A key priority for Queenslanders is the preservation of our natural environment for the future, including our Great Barrier Reef, our national parks and state forests.

The Great Barrier Reef is our greatest natural asset and Queensland has a unique responsibility to protect it. It's not just important for our environment but for the community, for our tourism economy and the tens of thousands of Queenslanders who are employed because of it.

An LNP Government will prioritise practical measures to improve our State's environment.

We will increase our protected areas by strategic acquisitions and voluntary partnerships with land owners.

Hashtags won't repair our environment so an LNP Government will focus on tangible measures that will make our local communities better while contributing to humanity's response to challenges like climate change.

Energy must be affordable, reliable and sustainable, and government assets must be operated in a way to minimise impact on the environment and Queenslanders' wallets. Decisions will be driven by science, technology and benefit to all Queenslanders.

An LNP Government will back-in our hard-working farmers, who have shown time after time they are the best stewards of our land.

Making sure our waterways aren't polluted or choked with sediment, while the bushfire fuel-load is reduced in our national parks and they're free from feral animals, are strong priorities.

An LNP Government will also support those farmers, industries and businesses that want to become world leaders in sustainability and responsible environmental management.

# Open and Accountable Government

Queenslanders want to trust their government is prioritising services and infrastructure, not their own political survival, and they believe their government should be held accountable for its actions.

The Coaldrake Report exposed the Labor Government's fixation with keeping Queenslanders in the dark on important issues. This includes the subversion of the Right To Information (RTI) process, using 'commercial-in-confidence' to keep details of contracts secret, wrongly blocking information release and burying information in inaccessible formats.

Queenslanders have a right to know exactly how their government is operating.

That's why ending the culture of secrecy and cover-up in Government is a priority for Queenslanders.

An LNP Government will prioritise the release of government service performance data in an easy-to-understand format. Beyond this, Queenslanders will be able to rely on the RTI process to operate without political interference. Decision-making will be properly recorded to improve accountability and transparency.

An LNP Government will always prioritise the needs of Queenslanders over media spin and manipulation.

Queenslanders are frustrated this Labor Government's actions have created a health crisis, a housing crisis, an integrity crisis and crime crisis. Despite this, the same ministers still sit around the same cabinet table making the same bad decisions.

A priority for Queenslanders is accountability in government, with ministers being held responsible for their decisions, because bad decisions cost Queenslanders.

An LNP Government will prioritise accountability.

In a Westminster government a minister is ultimately responsible for the actions of their department. If a minister fails to exercise proper oversight, they will need to answer to Cabinet and Queenslanders.

An LNP Government will ensure the Parliament's role in government oversight is strengthened so it no longer is used as a rubber stamp.

We will ensure our State's integrity bodies such as the Crime and Corruption Commission, the Integrity Commissioner and the Queensland Audit Office are given the funding and the independence to provide the necessary oversight of government.

# Independence of the Public Service

Queenslanders want the public service to deliver the services, programs and infrastructure Queensland needs and the public service wants to be empowered to do so without political interference.

Public service whistle blowers have exposed the culture of fear within their organisations which was also mirrored in the findings of the Coaldrake Report. A culture of cover-up, the risk of losing their job for giving unwanted advice and ministerial staff lording power over departmental officers. This is what our public servants are dealing with every day and it impacts their ability to deliver for Queenslanders.

Another key priority for Queenslanders is seeing their Government operate with integrity.

An LNP Government will end the culture of fear and intimidation in the public service, allowing the focus to return to delivering better services for Queenslanders and providing frank and fearless advice to government.

An LNP Government will prioritise critical integrity reforms recommended by independent integrity reviews.

We will rebuild the capabilities of the public service and ensure job security, so government officers can confidently perform their important tasks in a rapidly changing society. We will bring expertise in-house to ensure government has the resources at hand to rapidly identify and deal with new challenges in a dynamic and innovative way.

All public servants should be proud of the work they do. Openness and transparency should be embraced to demonstrate a strong public service that delivers for Queenslanders.

# A focus on Customer Service

Queenslanders wish it was easier to deal with government.

All too often, Queenslanders wait hours in service centres for licence renewals or driving tests. They're forced to complete endless forms and update details with multiple agencies.

In our busy lives, a priority for Queenslanders is more time with friends and family and less time dealing with government.

That's why an LNP Government will prioritise customer service and put accessibility at the heart of every interaction between Queenslanders and their government.

Services, where possible, will be available digitally, giving Queenslanders the choice of doing their business with government wherever and whenever it's convenient for them.

Should they prefer to not use a digital option, Queenslanders should also have the choice of talking face-to-face or over the phone to a staff member who is properly resourced, obliging, professional, and efficient.

Our priority will be delivering the programs and services Queenslanders need, where they're needed, in more convenient ways. Customer service will underpin every interaction Queenslanders have with government and there will be a single point of ministerial accountability.

## Summary

### Queensland is a land of opportunity, but our future is being eroded by a Labor Government in chaos and crisis.

Queenslanders believe our State is heading in the wrong direction and they're frustrated the Labor Government is not focused on the issues that matter to them.

The LNP has been travelling the State listening to Queenslanders' stories, experiences and priorities. We have heard harrowing stories of families let down by Queensland's broken health system, businesses forced to rebuild after being ravaged by skyrocketing youth crime and young people being priced out of buying their first home.

Queenslanders have been clear on their priorities. They want communities across our State to thrive, have local health services, be affordable and safe to live in. They want their children to access world-class education and have confidence their jobs, their lifestyle and our pristine environment are being protected for the future.

We have listened to Queenslanders and in response we have developed a blueprint for Queensland's future.

Our blueprint outlines our priorities for an LNP Government. It is the bedrock that guides the policies and decisions of an incoming LNP Government.

An LNP Government will govern to serve the needs of Queenslanders and earn their trust. It will embolden every Queenslanders to aspire to a better tomorrow. An LNP Government will deliver the infrastructure we need as our State grows and empower businesses to achieve their full potential.

David Crisafulli and an LNP Government will deliver the right priorities for Queensland's future.



**We will focus on the *right* priorities for Queensland's future.**

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