Dear Ms Moss,

Thank you for raising QDN’s major policies priorities with the LNP ahead of the 2024 state election.

Queenslanders will be asking themselves at this election whether their lives are better or worse after almost a decade under Labor and who has the right priorities for Queensland’s future.

With respect to the issues you have raised, I can advise the following;

**Housing**

The LNP have committed to delivering 53,500 additional social and community homes by 2044.

This will include 10,000 new social and community homes on church and charity owned land, in partnership with the community housing sector.

The LNP will also redirect every dollar of the $2 billion Housing Investment Fund into building new social homes.

The LNP will work with the disability sector to address the housing needs for people with a disability and improve Specialist Disability Accommodation to ensure individuals can access appropriate housing solutions.

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**Cost of living**

The LNP’s *Saving You Paying Plan* puts the focus back on driving down cost of living for Queenslanders, both in the short and the long-term, and getting maximum benefit from every taxpayer dollar spent.

Our plan includes:

Easing pressure on car, home and business insurance costs by getting crime under control.

Easing pressure on rents and mortgages by delivering more housing supply.

Easing pressure on transport and insurance costs by investing money into regional roads.

Easing pressure on home and business insurance costs by investing in natural disaster resilience projects.

Easing costs at the checkout by investing in skilling up Queensland workers to give businesses the capacity they need.

Lowering the cost of groceries by delivering water security to ease costs for food producers.

The LNP will ensure power is affordable, reliable, and sustainable by imposing an Energy Maintenance Guarantee on our government owned generators.  We will also put a stop of Labor’s Pioneer-Burdekin Pumped-Hydro Project, which will cost more than $24 billion and drive-up power prices.

The LNP has released our Supercharged Solar for Renters program will encourage rental property owners to install solar panels. This innovative plan will have positive environmental benefits but will also deliver lower electricity costs for renters.

**Education**

Queensland teachers are experiencing extremely high workloads with a lack of support.  There are increasing diverse and complex learning needs across all schools and year levels.

The LNP will fund 200 places each year over 4 years from 2025/26 for teachers who wish to do further study in Special and Inclusive Needs education or STEM.

A Special and Inclusive Needs qualification will enable teachers to develop and implement individualised programs for students with diverse learning needs such as autism, ADHD, dyslexia, auditory processing disorder, language processing disorder, and non-verbal learning disabilities.  Students with these learning difficulties will often fall behind and become at risk of disengaging.

The LNP is supportive of Special Assistance Schools in Queensland. We recognise that mainstream schools are not always suitable or able to meet the needs of all students.

The LNP will work with Special Assistance Schools to ensure they have the support and capability to continue delivering specialised education to students across Queensland.

**Health**

The LNP’s $590.09 million Easier Access to Health Services Plan focuses on making Queensland’s health system more accessible and responsive for all Queenslanders, including people with a disability.

All Queenslanders deserve a world class health system no matter where they live and the LNP will restore health services with more doctors and nurses, better triaging, better services, and real-time health data.

The LNP will invest in training for healthcare professionals to improve disability awareness, ensuring hospitals and emergency services are equipped to provide inclusive care. We will work with Queensland Health and the NDIS to improve care coordination, so individuals receive timely, high-quality medical attention and support during critical health events.

After a decade of Labor, Queensland is heading in the wrong direction on the key issues of Youth Crime, Health, Cost of living and Housing.

Our State needs a Fresh Start and the LNP has The Right Plan for Queensland’s Future, which includes:

Safety where you live – through stronger laws like Adult Crime, Adult Time and gold standard early intervention

Health services when you need them – by axing Labor’s Patients’ Tax, a tax which doctors have said will end bulk billing and make GP visits more expensive

Respect for your money – by stopping Labor’s expensive budget blowouts which are pushing up costs for families

A place to call home – by abolishing stamp duty on new builds for first home buyers, additional social and community homes

A government that works for you – to address challenges for the long term, not band-aid solutions at election time

See more of our plan and keep up to date on recent announcements at [rightplanqld.com.au](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frightplanqld.com.au%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cmmccarthy%40qdn.org.au%7C016a243b46664b5e17c308dcf19b189d%7C48b6dda48af2471a9c312047a31d4ec8%7C0%7C0%7C638650895636370494%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=3TelzcqDrauqfUgJGcEwot6WnNrfV5ANrGoSvbQSiHM%3D&reserved=0).

 While there are points in your election plan that the LNP have not committed to, we are open to ongoing engagement to ensure the best possible outcomes for Queenslanders with a disability and the sector.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to QDN’s priorities and we look forward to future engagement about these matters.

Yours sincerely

**Ben Riley**

**State Director**

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