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Dear Ms Moss

Thank you for your letter to the Honourable Charis Mullen MP, Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Multicultural Affairs providing key asks ahead of the 2024 State General Election.

Our Labor Government led by new Premier Steven Miles has delivered historic cost of living relief for all Queenslanders. By making multinational mining companies pay their fair share we have delivered \$1,300 off every Queenslanders' power bill, 50 cent fares on public transport, cutting rego by 20%, free Kindy, free TAFE, we banned rent bidding, cut stamp duty for first home buyers and delivered \$200 FairPlay vouchers for all Queensland families to help with the cost of kids' sport.

We also have an ambitious plan for Queensland's future – more health workers and more hospitals, more schools, roads, public transport and projects to keep Queenslanders in jobs. We're building more homes for Queenslanders, delivering our nation-leading Energy and Jobs Plan to power our homes and economy with cheap firm renewable energy and we're acting on community safety with more police and crime prevention.

The Miles Labor Government acknowledges the contribution Queenslanders with disability, their families and carers make to our community. We recognise the hard work and advocacy of the Queensland Disability Network on behalf of your members.

We are committed to working with you and other stakeholders to implement existing measures, investments and reforms as outlined in the *Queensland Disability Reform Framework* (the Framework). As you know, these have been developed in consultation with people with disability, their families and carers, service providers and the sector to guide our reform agenda over the coming years.

Implementation of the initial reforms identified in the Framework will be co-designed through the delivery of the \$4 million *Disability Stakeholder Engagement and Codesign Strategy* to ensure that people with disability and the sector are at the centre of the design and implementation of key disability reforms in Queensland.

The Miles Government is also focused on prioritising the issues which impact on Queenslanders with disability including access to health services, appropriate housing, justice, education supports and employment.

We also continue to provide \$2.5 billion annually to support the NDIS and have committed over \$160 million towards a package of disability reforms as an initial response to the Royal

Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability and the NDIS Review.

A re-elected Miles Labor Government will continue to jointly design and invest in new foundational supports with the Commonwealth, the sector as well as Queenslanders with disability.

We have also committed to increase the Lift Payment from \$20 to \$25 to help incentivise taxi drivers to complete eligible wheelchair trips and double the Lift Payment to \$50 on Christmas Day. We have also extended the \$21 million Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Grant Scheme for an additional 12 months, increasing funding for eligible vehicles.

If re-elected, we will continue to fund the Queensland Taxi Subsidy Scheme with a further \$1.8 million ongoing to sustain the increased Lift Payment from 2028-29, and we will also explore options to expand the accessible transport system right across Queensland, including in rural and regional areas.

In contrast, David Crisafulli and the LNP have outlined no vision other than to cut – projects, jobs, essential services. Mr Crisafulli is a risk to Queensland, and he will cut what matters to Queenslanders, just like the LNP did last time. When the LNP were last in government, they ordered trains from overseas that weren't disability compliant, they cut \$15 million from the Taxi Subsidy Scheme and cut \$4.9 million from the wheelchair customer service payment.

Our Labor Government will always stand up for Queenslanders with disability. We look forward to working with Queensland Disability Network to make an inclusive Queensland a reality.

I would appreciate it if you could communicate our response with your members. Should the Miles Labor Government be re-elected, we look forward to continuing to work with and do what matters for Queensland.

Yours sincerely



**CAMERON DICK MP**

**Deputy Premier**

**Treasurer**

**Minister for Trade and Investment**

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