

Dear Mr Cansdale & Ms Brown,

Thank you for raising ANTA's 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:

Closing the Gap

The LNP is committed to improving outcomes for Indigenous Queenslanders.

The LNP's priorities are to drive improvements across health, education, and infrastructure in Indigenous communities. To ensure everyone has suitable housing, to ensure critical infrastructure is in place.

We will boost home ownership options and deliver more clean water infrastructure in Indigenous communities. We will fund programs to boost health and education standards.

Educational outcomes for indigenous students are significantly lower than non-indigenous students, as is attendance rates and year 12 attainment rates.

An LNP government will prioritise improved education outcomes and increased engagement in training and employment.

The Labor State Government has failed to effectively address challenges facing Indigenous Queenslanders over the last 25 years.

In the latest the Gap annual report released on 31 July 2024, shows that only five of the 19 Closing the Gap targets are on track.

The LNP will support programs and projects that have a measurable deliverable aligning with Closing the Gap outcomes.

An LNP government will commit to listening to and engaging with Indigenous Queenslanders to deliver the services needed to ensure better and sustainable outcomes for all Queenslanders.

Incarceration & Youth Justice

There has been an increase in the rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander incarceration of 5.7 per cent. The gap is widening and more needs to be done.

Anyone serving a custodial sentence must be given access to education and personal support to build the skills they need to return to society.

The LNP will provide early interventions to keep youth out of the youth justice system, and we will reengage those kids who have fallen out of school and are at risk of falling into crime.

We will help youth choose employment instead of crime, and we will keep kids on the right track by providing mentoring, life skills and community connection.

Cultural Heritage Protection

The State Labor government commenced a review of the Cultural Heritage Act in May 2019.

The review of the Cultural Heritage Act has been announced repeatedly, with no outcome to date.

We are still waiting for the review to be finalised and released.

Treaty & Truth Telling

The public debate last year around the Voice was incredibly divisive and the result was clear. 68 per cent of Queenslanders voted to reject the Voice as the path to closing the gap.

The LNP does not support a Path to Treaty and will work with Indigenous communities to find a better way forward and improve the lives of Indigenous Queenslanders.

The LNP's commitment to Indigenous communities is absolute. We are committed to working with Indigenous Queenslanders to deliver real outcomes.

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
- 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.

In conclusion, thank you for the opportunity to respond to ANTAR's priorities and we look forward to future engagement about these matters.

Yours sincerely

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