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Dear Dr Denniss,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding transparency and accountability issues facing government.

Queensland is a great place to live and work and does have a bright future, but with more uncertainty facing the rest of Australia and the world, we need to make sure Queensland stays on track to secure that bright future.

Through strong economic management, we are seeing real progress in health and education, more jobs in a stronger economy, better roads and less crime. And now that we've set the right financial foundations, we're able to truly afford the better schools and hospitals, improved roads and more police our growing State needs.

A re-elected Newman LNP Government will keep working hard to deliver our long term economic plan. We'll keep growing a four pillar economy focusing on agriculture, construction, resources and tourism to deliver more jobs and better services.

The Newman LNP Government is committed to accountable government and commit to act in accordance with the principles outlined in your letter. In fact we are committed to do even more than this. We have demonstrated our commitment to open and accountable governance by:

- Being the first Queensland Government to publish Ministerial diaries – something even in opposition, Labor continues to refuse to do;
- Once again, making it an offence to lie to the Parliament of Queensland;
- Convening an *Open Government* forum in 2013, chaired by QUT Vice Chancellor, Peter Coaldrake OAM, as part of our concerted approach to openness and accountability; and
- Working in partnership with the community to develop long term plans for the state illustrated through the formulation of the *Queensland Plan*, which took into account the views of more than 70,000 Queenslanders. As well as the development of our industry specific strategies including *DestinationQ*, *AgricultureQ*, *WaterQ*, *PowerQ* and *ConstructionQ*.

A re-elected Newman LNP Government will continue to uphold an open and accountable Government.

Specifically a re-elected Newman LNP Government commits to:

- Govern for the peace, welfare and good government for the State;
- Make all decisions and take all actions, including public appointments, in the public interest without regard to personal, party political or other immaterial considerations;
- Treat all people equally without permitting any person or corporation special access or influence; and
- Promptly and accurately inform the public of its reasons for all significant or potential controversial decisions and actions.

While a lot has been achieved, the job is not yet done.

We will be making new policy announcements to enhance the LNP's strong plan for Queensland over the remaining days of the election campaign, and I encourage you to continue to monitor the work that we are doing to deliver dividends for Queenslanders that can only come from better economic management and responsible government.

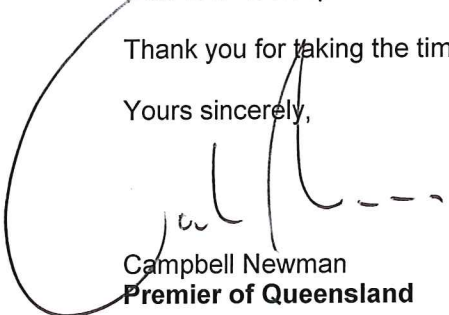
If Queensland goes off track now, the real progress we are starting to see will be at risk.

We cannot afford the political chaos that would occur if Labor flopped over the line with the help of wasted votes on minor parties and independents. That will only make Queensland weaker.

Vote LNP to keep on course for a brighter future and a stronger Queensland.

Thank you for taking the time to write and I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



Campbell Newman  
Premier of Queensland