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To: maroochydore@parliament.qld.gov.au; [REDACTED]

Subject: Maroochydore Bus Station Security

Good Afternoon Fiona

Please see the attached letter regarding an urgent issue of the need to increase security around Maroochydore's main bus station on Horton Pde.

Kind Regards

15/02/20

Dear Fiona

This letter is an appeal for assistance in my campaign towards having the presence of a security officer at the Main Maroochydore Bus station on Horton Pde, **AT ALL TIMES**, whilst buses are in service.

On Monday the 10th Feb at 8:30pm my 17yr old son, with a female work colleague, were waiting for the 8:55pm bus to their homes in Sippy Downs. Two young men aged 17-18yrs old, bashed him while he was seated at the bus station. The result was a swollen face, split swollen lip and a period of unconsciousness where he laid in the middle of the main road.

This bus station is notorious for the violence which occurs around it. A news report dated nearly 1 year ago, showed a video of another such bashing at the station with calls for increased security. I am aware that security is there over some periods, however it **needs to be there at all times** while buses are running. As you are probably aware the plaza is a main hub for many teenagers to get part time and casual work, whilst they are at School, holidays and after.

We as a community need to feel our children are safe when they travel to and from their places of work.

We are encouraging independence in our young ones by allowing them the access to public transport, however this independence and responsibility is being hampered due to the extreme violence and criminal activity around this area.

I am aware that there is video surveillance at the bus stop, however these types of criminals do not care about being videotaped, in fact they will often record their own criminal activity and post it on social media. The physical present of a security officer cannot be replaced by a camera.

I would greatly appreciate your input and help with this matter. **This violence at Maroochydore bus station needs to stop once and for all** for the protection of our emerging generation.

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