



Hon Rachel Nolan MP
Member for Ipswich

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Your ref: Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil*

I refer to a petition number 1556-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Ted Sorensen MP, Member for Hervey Bay on 28 October 2010, about the Kan-Go bus service in the Urangan area of Hervey Bay.

In 2009-10, the Queensland Government provided over \$3.9 million in funding to the operator of the Maryborough-Hervey Bay *qconnect* network, Wide Bay Transit, for the provision an urban and subsidised school bus network. Over 250 000 passengers travelled on *qconnect* urban bus services, while over 860 000 journeys were made to and from schools in the Maryborough-Hervey Bay service area.

I am advised that the Department of Transport and Main Roads is currently undertaking an Integrated Regional Transport Plan for the Wide Bay-Burnett region, which is due for delivery in 2011. Once this plan is delivered, my department will commence work to develop a public transport network plan for the urban areas within the region, including Hervey Bay.

At this time, any expansion of the Kan-Go flexible transport system is not possible, as it comes with very high costs which cannot be accommodated within the current funding environment.

I am further advised that flexible transport models like Kan-Go are incompatible with mass movement of passengers and therefore an expansion of Kan-Go in growing urban areas like Hervey Bay is unlikely.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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