

Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of the Parliament Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3136-19, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Mark McArdle MP, Member for Caloundra on 20 August 2019 about a dedicated school bus service for high school students living in the Baringa area.

I can confirm that students travelling from Baringa to their nearest state high school, Meridan State College, can use route 606 services to transfer onto dedicated school buses. This network also facilitates access to multiple schools including Caloundra State High School, Caloundra Christian College, Unity College, and Caloundra City Private School.

In addition, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has worked with its delivery partner, Buslink, to extend two dedicated school bus services (am and pm services for route 5737) between Baringa and Meridan State College. This service change commenced on 9 September 2019.

TMR will continue to monitor the suitability of all services operating in the Baringa area and consider further service improvements where warranted.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP

Minister for Transport and Main Roads