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Our ref: PET 22210

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I refer to petition number 2777-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Jim Madden MP, Member for Ipswich West on 16 June 2017 about bus services in Ipswich.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing an integrated and efficient public transport network.

Following a review of the Ipswich network in 2014, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) integrated bus routes 506 and 516 to create a new bus route 506. This saw an improvement to the frequency of weekday services in this area, with route 506 services running every 30 minutes. TMR also realigned the new route 506 through One Mile, to ensure rail connections at Ipswich station were maintained.

TMR has advised most residents in Woodford Street, General Foch Street, Peacock Street, Oak Street and Old Toowoomba Road, fall within 400m of a bus stop serviced by route 506. TMR has also advised an additional bus stop was constructed on Chubb Street, One Mile, in early 2015, to improve access to this route and the transport network.

Any change to this route would impact connectivity to rail services at Ipswich station and as such, TMR confirms there are no plans to amend this route at this time. TMR has noted the petitioners' feedback which will be considered in future reviews of the public transport network in this area.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**JACKIE TRAD MP**  
**DEPUTY PREMIER**  
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