



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PET 11495

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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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 a petition number 2065-13 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Bill Byrne MP, Member for Rockhampton on 10 September 2013 about changes to bus routes in Rockhampton.

I assure you that the Queensland Government is committed to the safety of all children using the public transport network.

The previous Labor government allowed Rockhampton's bus network to deteriorate. The incoming LNP Government was faced with a network that did not provide good value for money for residents, had many routes having significant on-time-running issues and poor patronage.

To address this, the Department of Transport and Main Roads worked collaboratively with its local delivery partner, Transit Australia Group, to develop revisions to the Rockhampton network that would address late running buses and any other network inefficiencies.

The new network provides a network that operates on time and directs resources to where they are most needed. By altering the urban network to accommodate school students, TransLink has been able to create a single efficient network, instead of two networks which duplicate resources and do not perform well.

TransLink will continue to monitor the new network and as such, I would encourage Mr Byrne and the petitioners to contact TransLink to report any specific concerns about school services they might have so that they can be thoroughly investigated.

Yours sincerely

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