

## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2845-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 15 February 2018 about parking at Strathpine station.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing an integrated and efficient public transport network for Queensland. It is recognised that there is a high demand for park 'n' ride (PnR) facilities across South East Queensland.

When planning for PnR infrastructure, it is essential to prioritise investment where it will create the greatest potential positive impact. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) assesses the likely impact that a potential PnR development would have on the existing transport network, economic development and future land use outcomes. TMR also understands that managing demand for PnR also depends on achieving the best balance between all modes of transport, including walking, cycling, public transport and cars. As such, the types of services accessing the facility are also considered, such as feeder bus services and pedestrian access.

TMR acknowledges the population growth in the nearby suburb of Warner and, while there are no plans to increase parking at Strathpine station, other stations along the Caboolture railway line are being considered for potential PnR expansions based upon existing demand, future growth and passenger travel behaviour.

In particular, Lawnton station has been announced as a recipient of expansion to the existing PnR facilities, due to high demand, strategic position and compatible current and planned land-use intent. TMR is in the detailed planning stage of this \$3.1 million upgrade, which will result in an additional 250 parking spaces.

The upgrade of the Strathpine station is part of the Queensland Rail Station Accessibility Upgrade Program, which focuses on providing greater accessibility to rail services. The station upgrade is designed to achieve independent accessibility, meaning that all train platforms can be accessed independently via paths, ramps or lifts, without the need to use stairs. As you may be aware, the station upgrade does not include additional parking, however improvements will include:

- a new pedestrian footbridge with lift access
- a raised section of platform encompassing the core zone and assisted boarding point
- extended platform shelters
- refurbished unisex accessible toilet

- upgraded hearing augmentation loop and tactile platform surfaces to assist people with hearing and vision impairments
- upgraded accessible parking spaces
- upgraded station entrances, security cameras and lighting
- new wayfinding and platform signage.

Should you require more information on the Queensland Rail Station Accessibility Upgrade Project, please contact the project team on 1800 722 203 or stationsupgrade@qr.com.au.

TMR will continue to monitor growth and development in Strathpine and surrounding areas for consideration of further infrastructure upgrades.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP

Minister for Transport and Main Roads