



Hon Annastacia Palaszczuk MP
Member for Inala



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Government

Our ref: PP1794-11

Minister for Transport
and Multicultural Affairs

Your ref: 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 petition number 1794-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 25 October 2011 about bus services in the Drewvale area, south of the Logan Motorway.

The TransLink Transit Authority network spans from Noosa on the Sunshine Coast to Coolangatta on the Gold Coast and west to Helidon and requests for services in all areas of the TransLink network must be considered and prioritised against the competing needs of the network.

I am advised that TransLink appreciates that additional bus services would be of benefit to residents in the Drewvale area and is actively seeking a sustainable solution to this matter.

TransLink recently received a request to divert route 150 via Drewvale however, I am further advised that the outcome of this investigation was that the proposed route variation is not a sustainable transport solution. The proposed diversion would have increased the journey by 5.8 kilometres and approximately 15 minutes travel time in each direction. The cost of this proposal would be prohibitive as it was estimated to be in excess of \$1.1 million per annum.

TransLink's delivery partner Brisbane Transport has also advised that the road network south of the Logan motorway is not suitable for the safe and sustainable operation of mass transit vehicles. Site inspection also indicated that it would be difficult to locate bus stops that would meet *Disability Discrimination Act 1994* requirements.

Currently, residents of Drewvale can access the Personalised Public Transport service which operates in this area. Black and White Cabs provide a wheelchair accessible, air conditioned maxi-taxi style service. All personalised public transport service fares are \$1 each way (no concessions, children under 5 years and legally blind people travel free).

I am advised that TransLink and council recently met to discuss possible improvements to existing services to better service the region.

Following these discussions, the Drewvale Personalised Public Transport service was extended to operate from Illaweenia Street, Macquarie Way and Trinity Way to Browns Plains Plaza as a three month trial which commenced on 17 October 2011. This extension gives residents more public transport options by providing access to the rocket services that operate from Browns Plains.

To access the new map and timetable please visit Brisbane City Council's website at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and search for "Drewvale PPT".

Customers who transfer from a Personalised Public Transport service to a TransLink service must then subsequently pay the TransLink fare. The service picks up passengers where safe to do so on a fixed route. Customers can visit the Brisbane City Council website at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au for further information.

It should also be noted that the Greenbank RSL park 'n' ride facility was recently upgraded to provide additional car spaces for commuters taking the total capacity to approximately 250 car spaces. Customers in the Logan area have access to routes P142 and P546 from Greenbank during peak times which provide a fast and direct service to the Brisbane City, which is approximately a 40 minute trip.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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