



Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP
Member for Inala



**Minister for Transport
and Multicultural Affairs**

Our ref: PP1728-11

Your ref: Petitions

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1728-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Steve Wettenhall MP, Member for Barron River about Sunbus bus services for the Yorkeys Knob area in Cairns.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads contracts Transit Australia Group, trading as Marlin Coast Sunbus to provide *qconnect* urban bus services in the Cairns urban service contract area.

In early 2011, Transit Australia Group sought the department's approval to introduce a revised service network and timetable which they had developed for the Cairns Region. Following a rigorous assessment of the service network proposal, which included a public consultation process, approval was granted by the department to implement the service network and timetable changes effective 23 May 2011. Two months after the implementation of the service changes, Sunbus is required under the conditions of its service contract to undertake a review of the service changes and provide their written assessment report to the department within 10 business days.

I am advised that the department has received the assessment report from Transit Australia Group. A review of the assessment report and issues raised throughout the first two months of operation, including those from Yorkeys Knob residents, is currently being undertaken.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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