



Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP
Member for Inala



Minister for Transport
and Multicultural Affairs

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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 1689-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Lawrence Springborg MP, Member for Southern Downs on 24 May 2011 about a daily return coach or transport service direct from Goondiwindi to Toowoomba.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads currently provides around \$157,000 per annum (excl GST) in subsidy support to Bus Queensland's long distance coach services between Lightning Ridge and Toowoomba. These services provide travel options for Goondiwindi residents to Toowoomba which also enables them to make connections to Brisbane.

In addition to the government supported long distance coach services, Crisps Coaches and Greyhound Australia offer commercial services between Goondiwindi and Toowoomba. Crisps Coaches offer services via Warwick six days per week as part of its broader Moree-Brisbane and Tenterfield-Toowoomba network and Greyhound Australia offers services from Goondiwindi to Toowoomba three days per week as part of its Melbourne-Brisbane service.

We will continue to review the provision of this proposed service. I have asked the department to discuss the matter with the Council and the local bus operator to assess the likely demand for this service.

Yours sincerely

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