



Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games

Our ref: PET 16892

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Dear Neil

I refer to a petition number 2527-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Mark Boothman MP, Member for Albert on 15 March 2016 about the need for adequate public transport in the Pimpama region and surrounding housing estates.

The Queensland Government seeks to provide effective and efficient mass transport services for the people of South East Queensland. I am advised the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is closely monitoring development and demand for public transport services in Pimpama.

TMR would like to assure residents their interest in improved services has been formally noted for consideration in future planning activities in Pimpama.

In the meantime, there are a number of community based transport services that may be of assistance to the elderly and less mobile residents. These include Council Cab which assists older people over 60 and those with a disability with their travel to local shopping centres. Each Council Cab trip costs \$2.00 or \$4.00 for a return journey to the shops. It operates in most areas of the Gold Coast on allocated days. To check eligibility or book a cab, residents may call 131 008 or 5521 0577.

Additionally, TransCord Community Transport Organisation provides transport for medical appointments, hospital visits, attending social groups, etc. TransCord can be contacted on 5539 3733.

Volunteering Gold Coast Transport Services offers community transport to shopping and social activity centres for a token cost per trip. They can be contacted on 5521 0577.

OZcare also offers community transport to shopping and social activity centres for a token cost per trip and can be contacted on 5583 7860.

As a possible alternative to bus travel, residents with mobility restrictions may be eligible for membership of the Taxi Subsidy Scheme (TSS).

The TSS is a Queensland Government initiative designed to improve the mobility and quality of life for Queenslanders with a disability by providing access to affordable taxi travel. Specific benefits of the scheme include a subsidy paid by the Queensland Government of half the total taxi fare, up to a maximum subsidy of \$25 and access to subsidised taxi travel in other Australian states and territories.

For further information and to determine eligibility, residents can access TMR's website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au, or contact the TSS Unit by phoning 1300 134 755 or by emailing tssu@tmr.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stirling Hinchliffe', written in a cursive style.

STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP
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