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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 1868-12 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 15 February 2012 about changes to bus services in the Pine Rivers electorate.

The Queensland Government through the TransLink Transit Authority is committed to creating a passenger-focussed public transport network by improving the affordability, reliability and frequency of services.

In regards to the reinstatement of previous route 673, I am pleased to advise that following feedback from the community, trial route 669 was introduced on 27 February 2012 as part of the Thompson's bus network restructure. TransLink advises that trial route 669 operates along Sparkes Road and provides residents with a direct connection to Westfield Strathpine and the Caboolture rail line, at Lawnton rail station.

In addition, bus route 673 now serves as a local route connecting residents from Joyner, Lawnton and Bray Park to the Warner Village Shopping Centre, for the first time. Route 673 now connects to route 674 to provide residents with access to community facilities, such as the Lawnton Aquatic Centre and local schools.

Yours sincerely

Scott Emerson MP

Minister for Transport and Main Roads