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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 2407-15 and 2469-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Shane King MP, Member for Kallangur on 13 October 2015 about upgrading Dakabin Station.

Queensland Rail has advised that a recent car park upgrade at Dakabin station has provided additional parking at the station. However, as the station currently only provides stair access between platforms, the provision of accessible parking bays was not included within this project's scope.

Queensland Rail has an ongoing program of work in place to enhance stations on the City network, with improved access for customers in accordance with the requirements of the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA). Major accessibility upgrades to nearby Petrie and Narangba stations have already occurred under this program in recent years. A further \$212 million is planned to be invested in the upgrade of existing station infrastructure, at other locations across the broader network, over the next five years.

I have been advised that the priority list of stations to receive upgrades is continuously under review. This is to ensure that the stations of greatest need are accurately recognised and benefits to the community are maximised. Criteria such as patronage, current level of access, intermodal interchange facilities, projected population growth, nearby community facilities, businesses and other local attractors have been taken into account as part of this prioritisation and review process.

In consideration of the factors listed above and when balanced against other competing priorities across the broader public transport network, I have been advised that an accessibility upgrade is not currently planned for Dakabin station.

For further information on how Queensland Rail is delivering accessible services, please refer to Queensland Rail's Accessibility Action Plan. This plan is available on the Queensland Rail website at: <http://www.queenslandrail.com.au/AllStations/Pages/Accessibility.aspx>

The plan provides:

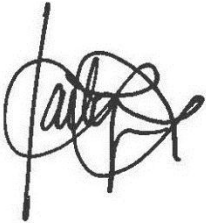
- a summary of the environment and context in which Queensland Rail operate accessible rail services
- achievements to date in providing improved access, as well as
- Queensland Rail's focus and plans for continued progress towards and beyond the 2017 round of targets under the legislation.

Queensland Rail takes great pride in their track record of improving accessibility and their strong, constructive relationship with individual customers and the broader disability sector. Their Accessibility Action Plan is the result of an extended community consultation process, including significant input from their Accessibility Reference Group members and has been submitted to the Australian Human Rights Commission.

I have also been advised by TransLink that as this stage, there are no plans to introduce bus services at Dakabin Station. This is due to the lack of facilities that are needed to safely accommodate buses at the station, such as the installation of kiss n ride, bus layover/zone and customer waiting areas.

I trust this information addresses your concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jackie Trad', written over a circular scribble.

JACKIE TRAD MP
DEPUTY PREMIER
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