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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2846-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 15 February 2018, about park 'n' ride facilities and express bus services from the Pine Rivers region towards inner north Brisbane and the Brisbane CBD.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing an integrated and efficient public transport network for Queensland, and I am pleased to advise that significant works are occurring to improve the public transport network in the Pine Rivers area and surrounds.

In 2016, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) restructured the Moreton Bay region bus network, in conjunction with the opening of the Redcliffe Peninsula train line. This provided residents of Pine Rivers with better access to bus services, including increased operating hours on nine routes every weekday, and 17 bus services connecting to train stations on the Redcliffe Peninsula line.

TMR is also in the planning stages of upgraded Park 'n' Ride (PnR) facilities at Lawnton, Virginia and Geebung stations. These major works, when completed, will see an increase of approximately 250 new parking spaces at Lawnton, 70 at Geebung, and 30 at Virginia.

In addition, the Strathpine station is currently undergoing an upgrade to ensure greater accessibility for passengers. This work, when completed, will include a new pedestrian footbridge with lift access, a raised section of platform encompassing an assisted boarding point, extended platform shelters and upgraded accessible parking spaces. Planning for construction activities has commenced.

TMR will continue to monitor demand and growth in Warner and surrounds, and where appropriate, make adjustments and improvements to local feeder bus services.

With regard to Eatons Hill and Brendale, these areas are serviced by the following bus routes, which include services to the CBD:

- 338 – travels between Strathpine rail station and Chermside Bus Interchange, approximately half hourly in peaks and hourly outside peaks. This bus route enables access to other bus and rail services at Strathpine station and Chermside Interchange to allow travel to onward destinations.
- 357 – travels between Brendale and the CBD. This route operates during peak periods providing an approximate 20 minute frequency during peaks.
- 359 – travels between Albany Village and the CBD. This route operates hourly during the off peak and approximately every 15 minutes during peak periods.

Patronage data indicates that these services are generally not at capacity, nor are they at a level to trigger the need for additional services at this time.

TMR receives a large number of service and infrastructure requests across Queensland, and must prioritise its public transport improvements to where they will have the most impact, and where investment ensures services are well patronised and reliable.

Given the high demand for PnR facilities across South East Queensland, it is essential to prioritise investment where it will create the largest positive impact. While there are no plans to deliver new PnR facilities in the Eatons Hill, Warner and Bray Park areas, the department will continue to assess and investigate options to provide additional facilities, in addition to the upgraded PnRs at Lawnton, Virginia and Geebung.

TMR will continue to monitor growth and development in the Pine Rivers region to identify opportunities to provide travel options that are matched to community demographics and needs.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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**MARK BAILEY MP**  
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