



Hon Jackie Trad MP

Deputy Premier

Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure,

Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade

Our ref: PET 14374

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I refer to petitions number 2403-15 and 2373-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 3 June 2015 about the reintroduction of Club Car and Sleeper cars on the Inlander train service.

Queensland Rail is committed to providing best value services to regional communities. The decision to retire the 'M Class' sleeper carriages was based on engineering advice, as they have now reached the end of their serviceable life.

Unfortunately there is no availability of sleeping berths for this service. Queensland Rail did explore all options available for the continuation of like services, however there is insufficient rollingstock to provide sleeper carriages on the Inlander at this time. Customers can still continue to expect the same great service; however carriages will look different, as the onboard offering has changed.

Queensland Rail's customers on the Inlander are already familiar with the well utilised economy seat services and new service cycles have been established to ensure customers will have all the necessary facilities on their journey, including meals and drinks. While there will be no sleeper carriages available, customers will still have the ability to move around, exercise and stretch as needed and any special needs will be accommodated to the best of their capability.

Queensland Rail is also in the process of converting a carriage into a café and lounge area. From July 2015, the Inlander and Westlander will receive a refurbished car, containing a small social area with tea and coffee making facilities.

Queensland Rail is aware of the importance of western services and will continue to support regional Queensland with the current timetables which help to support local economies.

While Queensland Rail would like to offer a full-service travel option to all Queenslanders right across the state, it is important that they continue to put safety first and make safe and practical decisions for Western Queensland customers and visitors.

Yours sincerely

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