



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PET 12453

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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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 petition numbers 2244-14, 2270-14 and 2271-14 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Verity Barton MP, Member for Broadwater on 3 June 2014 about the changes to bus services in Paradise Point.

I am advised that residents in the Broadwater area have requested changes to bus route 711.

On 20 January 2014, changes were implemented to the bus services in the Gold Coast region as part of the South East Queensland Bus Network Review. The review was part of the Queensland Government's plan to improve the frequency, reliability and affordability of the public transport system. One of the key drivers for the review was to ensure that the Department of Transport and Main Roads is using our available resources efficiently and remove duplication.

The department acknowledges there are reduced hours of operation for bus services in the Broadwater area based on analysis of route performance. Where it was identified that patronage numbers did not support the provision of additional services and their associated on-going costs, routes were either changed, or removed or they received a reduction in their span of hours of operation.

While there are no plans to increase or change bus services in the Broadwater area at this time, the department will continue to monitor the performance of the bus routes to ensure that they are providing an efficient and reliable service that meets the needs of the broader community.

Yours sincerely

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