



Deputy Premier
Minister for Transport and
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Our ref: PET 20436

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

17 March 2017

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

Neil,

I refer to petition numbers 2704-17 and 2609-16 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mrs Tarnya Smith MP, Member for Mount Ommaney on 15 February 2017 about commuter parking at Darra rail station.

The Palasczuck Government is committed to providing an integrated, efficient and accessible public transport network, and I acknowledge the concerns raised by residents and businesses of Darra about public transport customer parking.

There is high demand for park 'n' ride facilities across South East Queensland (SEQ) and it is essential to prioritise investment where it will create the largest positive impact. In planning for park 'n' ride facilities, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) assesses the likely impact that a potential park 'n' ride development would have on the transport network, economic development, and future land use outcomes.

A preliminary assessment indicates Darra park 'n' ride may be a suitable candidate for future expansion. However, it should be noted that any expansion of parking at Darra station will be subject to detailed planning, funding availability and state-wide prioritisation of transport infrastructure investments.

Also influencing park 'n' ride planning is the new Fairer Fares package which was introduced in December 2016. Passengers across SEQ will save money with cheaper fares and a reduced number of travel zones. These changes will impact the way customers access public transport facilities, with potential shifts in public transport patronage and use of connecting bus services. These changes are likely to result in new patterns of demand at park 'n' ride facilities in SEQ.

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TMR will continue to periodically survey all park 'n' ride facilities in SEQ to best understand how and when they are used and where customers are travelling from. This information will help ensure investment continues to be targeted where a park 'n' ride facility is most appropriate.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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