



**Hon John Mickel MP**  
Member for Logan

Our ref: MC35650

Your ref: 1024-08

20 MAY 2008

Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
Cnr Alice and George Streets  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 1024-08 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 13 March 2008, requesting an hourly, weekday bus service between Beaudesert and Browns Plains.

The Queensland Government is committed to providing fair and equitable access to public transport. As you would appreciate, many requests are received for new services from across South East Queensland. TransLink's challenge is to fill the gaps in the network while ensuring that services are well patronised and represent value for money.

TransLink advise that additional services between Beaudesert and Browns Plains cannot be justified at this time due to insufficient demand. Currently, route 540 provides three services departing Beaudesert travelling to Browns Plains Grand Plaza at 6.15am, 9.00am and 3.15pm and three services departing Browns Plains Grand Plaza travelling to Beaudesert at 7.43am, 2.15pm and 6.05pm.

Low-density rural and semi-rural residential areas such as Beaudesert are significantly more expensive to serve and demand is generally inadequate to justify regular scheduled services.

TransLink recognises that as the population in the region continues to increase there will be a greater need for public transport services in the area. TransLink will continue to work with its business partners to deliver a fair distribution of services across South East Queensland.

*J. Mickel*  
23 May 2008



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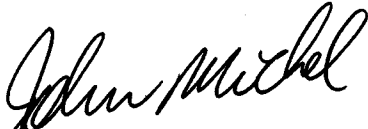
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TransLink reviews all services annually and considers suggestions for additional services as part of this process. The petitioner's suggestions for an hourly, weekday bus service between Beaudesert and Browns Plains will be fully considered as part of the 2008 *TransLink Network Plan*.

Please table this response for tabling in the Legislative Assembly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Mickel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end of the word "Mickel".

**JOHN MICKEL MP**  
**Minister for Transport, Trade,**  
**Employment and Industrial Relations**