



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Your ref: Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1851-12 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Murray Watt, former Member for Everton on 16 February 2012, about bus services in Albany Creek and Eatons Hill.

The Queensland Government is committed to providing fair and equitable access to public transport. The TransLink Transit Authority's challenge is to fill the gaps in the network while ensuring that services are well patronised, reliable and represent value for money.

As you would appreciate, many requests are received for additional bus services and service diversions across South East Queensland. The TransLink network spans from Noosa on the Sunshine Coast to Coolangatta on the Gold Coast and west to Helidon and requests for services in all areas of the TransLink network must be considered and prioritised against the competing needs of the network.

TransLink has advised that services in the Albany Creek and Eatons Hill catchment area received a major upgrade of services in 2008. The upgrades included:

- the extension of bus route 359 to Eatons Hill
- improved weekday and evening services on bus route 359
- additional peak services for bus routes 357 and 359
- Saturday/Sunday services for bus route 359
- bus route 338 altered to service Saraband Drive
- Sunday services for bus route 338.

TransLink has undertaken analysis of patronage data on current bus routes including routes 338, 357 and 359 which service Albany Creek and Eatons Hill. This analysis indicates that the services are currently not operating at capacity or at benchmark levels to trigger consideration for additional services.

TransLink will continue to monitor patronage levels on bus routes in the Albany Creek and Eatons Hill area to ensure there is sufficient capacity to meet demand.

Yours sincerely

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Scott Emerson MP
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