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Your ref: A289158

Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of the Parliament Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2861-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera on 15 February 2018, about public transport in the Jacobs Well district.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing an integrated and efficient public transport network for Queensland.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) advises the Jacobs Well district is not serviced by an urban bus service at this time, as the population density in this area does not provide the passenger demand required to justify the introduction of regular scheduled bus services.

The Jacobs Well to Beenleigh Shoppers Run, operating on Thursdays, is an initiative of the City of Gold Coast (CoGC) connecting residents of Jacobs Well to services at Beenleigh Marketplace.

This weekly shopper service is jointly funded by TMR and the CoGC and, while the funding agreement for this service was due to expire in December 2017, I am pleased to advise that TMR and CoGC has extended this agreement for a further 12 months, with the service to continue until the end of December 2018.

TMR will continue to work closely with its delivery partners and local government, to identify opportunities to make future service improvements in these areas based on performance and suitability of the network, as well as changes in demand and population.

I thank the petitioners for bringing this matter to my attention, and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP Minister for Transport and Main Roads