



Hon. Paul Lucas MP



**Queensland
Government**

Our ref MC 6066

**Minister for
Transport and Main Roads**

02 AUG 2004

Mr/Ms L Jones
PO Box 278
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Dear Mr/Ms L Jones

Re: Petition about Sunbus Services to the Northern Suburbs of Cairns

Thank you for your petition lodged by Dr Lesley Clark MP, Member for Barron River in Parliament on 28 April 2004 about Sunbus services to the northern suburbs of Cairns. As this matter is managed by Queensland Transport (QT) and within my portfolio, I take this opportunity to advise you on what has transpired since your petition was tabled.

I am advised that QT and Marlin Coast Sunbus have been working together to resolve a range of vehicle safety and scheduling issues. A working group consisting of Departmental officers and Sunbus representatives was established on 23 March 2004 to develop an action and implementation plan. The plan will address issues identified in a recent audit conducted by QT. It will also allow Departmental officers to monitor Sunbus operations and ensure that the requirements of the relevant legislation are met.

One of the Government's election commitments was to improve passenger transport across the State and QT is currently working on changes to the network. As part of these changes for the Cairns area, an earlier connection between Yorkeys Knob / Holloways Beach and Smithfield / University will be provided.

On Sundays, most trips will be extended to Smithfield and James Cook University, operating similarly to the other days of the week. Route services through Redlynch would be extended to Smithfield on Sundays. These changes are subject to a 12 month review.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to the Government's attention. If you require any further information on this matter please contact Mr Noel Rumble, regional Director (Northern) on telephone number (07) 4720 7386.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Re: Petition No. 308-04 – Sunbus services to the Northern Suburbs of Cairns

I refer to the petition lodged by Dr Lesley Clark MP, Member for Barron River in Parliament on 28 April 2004 in relation to Sunbus services to the Northern suburbs of Cairns. The head petitioner was L Jones.

Please find enclosed a copy of my reply to L Jones for your information. I have also arranged for an electronic copy of the response to be forwarded to your office.

Yours sincerely

PAUL LUCAS MP
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