



Hon. Paul Lucas MP

Our ref: MC16049



**Queensland
Government**

**Minister for
Transport and Main Roads**

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
Cnr Alice and George Streets
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Dear Mr Laurie

Re: Petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No. 511-05

I refer to the petition number 511-05 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Choi MP, Member for Capalaba on 25 August 2005 about Connex buses servicing Woolloongabba busway station.

TransLink is currently reviewing the Connex network of bus routes in the Redlands and adjoining suburbs. An extensive program of community consultation has been undertaken between 22 July and 9 September 2005.

Based on feedback received from a variety of stakeholders, including commuters, routes and timetables will be modified and adjusted to deliver the most appropriate outcome for the majority of passengers using each particular service.

In relation to peak hour commuter services travelling between the Redlands and Brisbane CBD, the consultation process has demonstrated that the overwhelming number of passengers on board peak hour CBD buses are seeking to travel between the Redlands and Brisbane CBD in the shortest possible time.

As a result of this requirement all Brisbane CBD buses will travel directly to the city via the Captain Cook Bridge and on to South Brisbane after departing the city.

Passengers travelling to Woolloongabba will be catered for with a bus route (250) which will operate a 30 minute frequency week days and 60 minute frequency weekends. Route 250 will travel to Woolloongabba 'on request', meaning that passengers will request the driver to go into the Woolloongabba bus station. If passengers do not request Woolloongabba, the bus will not stop there. This will apply for all inbound trips, whereas for all outbound trips, the bus will always go into the Woolloongabba bus station. This route also travels to the city via South Brisbane.

This action has been taken to provide the lesser number of Woolloongabba and South Brisbane commuters with a direct service from the Redlands, while meeting the needs of the majority of CBD commuters.

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TransLink has produced the *Draft TransLink Network Plan (TNP)* to improve public transport across South East Queensland, from Noosa to Coolangatta and westward to Helidon. The outcome of the plan is a three-year rolling program for implementation between July 2004 and June 2007. The Draft TNP includes actions to:

- make services connect by coordinating services and timetables at key interchanges
- make services fast, frequent and reliable to cater for growth and encourage people to leave their cars at home
- fill gaps in the network with new services and extend services to growing suburbs
- invest in infrastructure, including greater rail capacity, more bus and transit lanes, and better stations and bus stops.

The Draft TNP also incorporates a ten-year plan identifying longer-term priorities for improvements to services and infrastructure.

The Draft TNP is available on the TransLink website www.translink.com.au or by phoning 1800 772 675. This document was available for public comment from 4 April to 13 May 2005, and TransLink is currently reviewing feedback to inform future versions.

TransLink will be updating the TNP annually, and will assess your suggestions in its review.

If you would like more information, please call Evan Williams, Senior Network Planner, TransLink, on 3117 1468, who will be pleased to assist you.

~~Yours~~ sincerely

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