



Hon. Paul Lucas MP



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Minister for  
Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

**Re: Bus Service between Townsville and Mount Isa**

I refer to a petition lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Shane Knuth MP, Member for Charters Towers, on 20 April 2006 about the bus service between Townsville and Mount Isa.

In response I can advise that during February 2006, Queensland Transport (QT) consulted and surveyed communities affected by Greyhound Australia's decision to cease commercial day services between Mount Isa and Townsville.

This consultation aimed to determine if night or day services better suited the communities on the route. QT officers met with all local Mayors and Chief Executive Officers, as well as Mr Knuth and The Honourable Tony McGrady MP, Member for Mt Isa.

I am advised that QT received 142 responses to the community survey with almost 95% of respondents indicating a preference for day time services.

The Government listened to the needs of the community and worked cooperatively with Greyhound Australia to reintroduce daylight services to the townships on the Flinders Highway.

I am pleased to advise these daylight services recommenced on 1 May 2006.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**PAUL LUCAS MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**