



Hon. Paul Lucas MP

Our ref: MC22362

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

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THE CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENT



Queensland
Government

Minister for
Transport and Main Roads



Re: Petition No. 653-06

I refer to a petition lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Gary Fenlon MP, Member for Greenslopes in relation to the proposed Eastern Busway.

The Eastern Busway is an integral part of the Queensland Government's long-term plan to meet the transport needs of Brisbane's growing eastern suburbs and the Redland shire by providing faster and more reliable public transport options. TransLink released draft alignment options for public consultation in June 2006. Public feedback, together with the results of ongoing technical studies, will help the project team select a preferred alignment for further public consultation in around August/September 2006. The preferred alignment will be investigated in detail as part of the Concept Design and Impact Management Plan (CDIMP).

The project team recognises the historical and cultural importance of the war memorial site in Stones Corner. TransLink will ensure that the project does not have a detrimental effect on access to the Anzac memorial or interfere with the site.

The provision of fast, frequent and reliable public transport services for the Old Cleveland Road corridor will deliver major and ongoing community benefits. TransLink looks forward to engaging with the community throughout the planning process to ensure that it achieves the best possible public transport solution for the eastern suburbs and Redland shire.

Since March 2006, TransLink has been meeting regularly with the 20 local residents and business owners who make up the community reference group (CRG). The CRG acts in an advisory capacity and is the "voice of the community" in the project team. The group helps TransLink balance the technical side of the project with input from local residents. The CRG has members from all over the eastern suburbs and Redland Shire. This is to ensure that the project team considers the full spectrum of concerns, interests and opportunities from all residents in the project corridor.

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While the CRG exists to provide a broad overview of community feedback, the project team will also work with potentially affected property owners individually and address specific concerns on a case-by-case basis.

Members of the public are invited to provide input to the project's planning either through the CRG or directly through the community consultation activities.

Yours sincerely

PAUL LUCAS MP

Minister for Transport and Main Roads