



**Hon Rachel Nolan MP**  
Member for Ipswich

Our ref: MC37123



**Queensland  
Government**

Minister for Transport

15 APR 2009

Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
Corner Alice and George Streets  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 1073-08 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 3 June 2008 which was forwarded to the former Minister for Transport, Trade, Employment and Industrial Relations requesting a bus stop outside Island Point Villas, Kawana Way, Parreara.

I am advised that the TransLink Transit Authority, in consultation with the Department of Main Roads and the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, undertook investigations to identify whether a bus stop could be installed at this location. The Authority advise that due to the speed limit of 80 kilometres per hour, the width of the road section and the crest in the road from the nearby bridge, the installation of a bus stop outside Island Point Villas is not possible due to safety reasons.

I am further advised that infrastructure improvements such as indented bus bays or pathway links are very costly and the budget for such improvements in the Sunshine Coast Region for financial year 2008/09 has already been committed to other projects. In addition to this due to the low level of demand at this location, in comparison to other areas in the TransLink network, the Authority is not able to install these bus stop infrastructure improvements at this time.

The Queensland Government, through the TransLink Transit Authority, is committed to providing fair and equitable access to public transport. TransLink's challenge is to fill the gaps in the network while ensuring that services are well patronised, reliable and represent value for money. As you would appreciate, many requests are received for the installation of bus stops across South East Queensland.

The Government reviews all services annually and will consider other alternatives for public transport accessibility at Parreara as part of this process.

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I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a loop and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**RACHEL NOLAN MP**  
**Minister for Transport**