



Hon Rachel Nolan MP

Member for Ipswich

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**Queensland
Government**

Minister for Transport

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

Dear Mr Laurie *Neil*

I refer to a petition lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 19 May 2009 regarding bus services to Forest Lake Gardens Retirement Village, Forest Lake.

The TransLink Transit Authority is committed to making public transport easier to catch by providing bus stops approximately every 400 metres in urban areas throughout South East Queensland.

TransLink advises that residents of the Forest Lake Gardens Retirement Village have access to bus services at the Forest Lake Shopping Centre. The inbound and outbound bus stops at the shopping centre are located within 400 metres of the Forest Lake Gardens Retirement Village. Initial investigations showed that, stopping services at the retirement village would impact on the overall travel times, making these services less reliable.

However, it should be noted a Council Cab Service may be of assistance to the residents of Forest Lake Retirement Village. Brisbane City Council provides this shared taxi service at scheduled times for residents who find it difficult to travel to their local shops. To book the Council Cab Service passengers can call Yellow Cabs on phone 13 62 94. The following services operate in the Forest Lake area:

- Forest Lake Council Cabs operate to Forest Lake Village Shops on Thursdays at a cost of \$1.00 each way;
- Forest Lake Council Cabs operate to Inala Town Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays at a cost of \$1.00 each way; and
- Forest Lake Council Cabs operate to Mt Ommaney Shopping Centre on the first Friday of the month at a cost of \$2.00 each way.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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