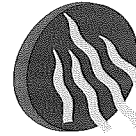




Hon Rachel Nolan MP
Member for Ipswich



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Mr Neil Laurie
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MP:	Hon R. Nolan M.P.
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 1535-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera, on 6 October 2010 about the upgrade of the existing bus services in Eagleby.

The petition states that TransLink Transit Authority claims it is unable to upgrade the existing bus services in the Eagleby area as the existing road network is not favourable to efficient bus operations.

Currently, Eagleby has two public bus service routes, which travel from Loganholme to Beenleigh (route 562) and Loganholme to Bethania (route 563). Route 563 service interchanges with the Beenleigh train line.

TransLink has difficulty servicing the Eagleby area, as the existing road network is not favourable for efficient bus operations. The road and street network north of Herses Road does not provide an alternative entry/exit point other than Eagleby and Schmidt Roads, which do not have any development to support a bus service at this time.

Bus services would have to travel back over the same route to service bus stops and this would be inefficient as it would require double the resources (time, labour and fuel) to service the bus stops. This manoeuvre would also add additional time to the total trip time, impacting passengers on board the bus.

TransLink reviews all services annually, in consultation with local council and bus operators. If council revises the road network in future TransLink will immediately consider route changes to better service Lakeview, Pinetree and Palm Lakes Lifestyle Resorts and their residents.

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Where TransLink is unable to provide mass transit services, local government authorities often fill the gaps by providing community transport services. These services are funded by local councils and generally run with either mini buses or taxi based services. For further information about services in the Eagleby area, please visit the Logan City Council website on www.logan.qld.gov.au or telephone 1300 1 LOGAN (1300 156 426).

Yours sincerely

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RACHEL NOLAN MP
Minister for Transport