



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2224-14 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Peter Dowling MP, Member for Redlands on 4 March 2014, about bus routes 274 and 270.

I am advised that residents of Coochiemudlo Island have requested changes to bus services 274 and 270.

The TransLink Division and their bus operators have created an integrated public transport network and the scheduling of buses is based on network efficiency. As such a bus may run several different routes during a day in order to reduce passenger waiting times where possible and provide an efficient service.

Bus route 274 provides a connection to both the Cleveland station and the ferry services to Coochiemudlo Island. As rail services have also been reviewed alongside the South East Queensland Bus Network Review, changes to buses were required to provide a continuing connection to the rail at Cleveland station.

Changing the present departure times from both the Victoria Point Jetty location and from the Cleveland station would remove the present bus and train connections. As this route connects at both locations it is difficult to make every connection ideal for passengers at both ends of the route.

As the Coochiemudlo Island ferry is not part of the TransLink network of services, TransLink cannot influence the ferry timetable. However, every effort has been made to connect with ferries where possible. It is hoped that the ferry operator will consider the new integrated bus network and timetables and make adjustments to ferry times to provide better connections.

I am further advised that in regard to diverting the present route of the 274 service, the Department of Transport and Main Roads is currently investigating sites for a suitable location for a new bus station on Cleveland-Redland Bay Road.

In regard to the changes to the timetable for bus route 270, these were made to reflect demand. The low patronage recorded on some of the services made them unsustainable due to the significant cost to taxpayers. Public transport timetables are scheduled to provide maximum efficiency in operations as well as reduce passenger waiting and travel times.

TransLink has advised that as weekend patronage is typically less across the entire TransLink network than that of weekday patronage, all weekend timetables have been designed to reflect this variation in travel.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Emerson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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