



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 4214-25, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 1 April 2025 about public transport for seniors in Highfields.

Delivering transport services and infrastructure for Queensland is an important objective for the Department of Transport and Main Roads. My department receives many requests for new services which are considered and prioritised against competing needs across Queensland.

I understand that while the walk-up access to services on the existing bus route 950 is within 400 metres for residents of some retirement communities, such as Carinity Brownesholme Retirement Village, it exceeds 800 metres for others, including GemLife Highfields Over 50s Lifestyle Resort on Kratzke Road and the newly developed GemLife Highfields Heights on Woolmer Road.

My department recognises the benefits of providing services closer to the GemLife retirement communities and will consider improvements in conjunction with the delivery of new road links in this area. My department continues to work with the Toowoomba Regional Council to consider the area's transport needs as part of the Central Highfields Masterplan.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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