



Hon John Mickel MP
Member for Logan



**Queensland
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**Minister for Transport, Trade,
Employment and Industrial Relations**

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition No. 1044-08 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Simon Finn MP, Member for Yeerongpilly on 28 August 2008 regarding reinstating a stop at Yeerongpilly station for the Airtrain rail services to the Brisbane domestic and international terminals.

I am advised that before the introduction of the current Citytrain timetable on 31 March 2008, extensive research was undertaken in order to provide the best possible service for passengers travelling off peak to and from the central business district, airport and Gold Coast regions.

I am further advised that as a result of research, operational and commercial considerations resulted in a joint decision between QR Limited and Airtrain to relocate one of the two non central business district southern stopping locations from Yeerongpilly station to Coopers Plains station. Passengers are still able to join the Airtrain service from Coopers Plains station which is located 5.8km south from Yeerongpilly station and offers modern facilities such as lifts, an additional platform, enhanced security and improved parking options. The station is also accessible for passengers with a mobility impairment.

While the change may have mixed reactions across the community, QR Limited and Airtrain strive to provide a balanced, safe, reliable, and efficient service to all customers travelling to and from the city, airport and Gold Coast, and are confident this initiative provides a positive impact on passengers.

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The TransLink Transit Authority is aware this corridor is experiencing unprecedented growth due to a variety of external factors and will continue to coordinate bus and train services to maximise the efficiency of the public transport network in south east Queensland.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Mickel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

JOHN MICKEL MP
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