



Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP
Member for Inala




Minister for Transport
and Multicultural Affairs

Our ref: PP1629-11

Your ref: Petitions

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

Dear Mr Laurie 

I refer to a petition number PP1629-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 4 March 2011 about the proposal for the installation of a kiss 'n' ride at Firth Park.

The Queensland Government, through the TransLink Transit Authority, will, where practicable, provide public transport services to meet the needs of school students.

Currently, the Queensland Government provides subsidies of approximately \$178 million per annum for student travel. The priority for school service funding is to enable students to travel to their nearest state school. This is in accordance with the Department of Transport and Main Roads' School Transport Policy, where services provided beyond the nearest state school are discretionary and based on the viability of the service.

School transport includes the transport of fare-paying school students through regular urban TransLink routes, including bus, rail and ferry, as well as the provision of school bus services

I am advised that TransLink recognises the difficulties with managing traffic congestion around schools during peak periods such as drop-off and pick-up times.

I am further advised that kiss 'n' ride facilities are generally constructed at key transfer points such as busways or rail stations. These strategic locations are selected as they offer significant opportunities for connections between a variety of public transport services, including cross-town connections.


TransLink generally looks to provide kiss 'n' ride facilities where they would either reduce demand for additional park 'n' ride facilities, or in association with new park 'n' ride facilities. As such, TransLink is not able to accommodate this request at this time.

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The Queensland Government, through TransLink, values customer feedback in its endeavour to continuously improve public transport services within South East Queensland.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a long horizontal line.

Annastacia Palaszczuk MP
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