



**Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP**  
Member for Inala



**Minister for Transport  
and Multicultural Affairs**

Our ref: PP1650-11

Your ref: Petitions

**09 JUN 2011**

Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4001

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number PP1650-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, Member for Lytton on 18 March 2011 about access to Wynnum rail station.

The TransLink Transit Authority, together with its delivery partner, Queensland Rail, takes the safety of customers extremely seriously and Queensland Rail conducts routine inspections of infrastructure and equipment at rail stations to ensure the safety of its customers and staff.

On 12 November 2010, Queensland Rail conducted a routine inspection of the Wynnum rail station footbridge. The inspection revealed potential safety concerns due to the poor structural condition of the footbridge and a decision was made to close the footbridge at the southern end of Wynnum rail station.

Subsequent investigations also revealed that to make the footbridge compliant with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, a full replacement of the footbridge including the installation of elevators would be required, at a cost in excess of \$2 million.

I am advised that the installation of a ramp and accompanying pedestrian crossing at the southern end of the platform is not possible due to the lack of space between the tracks.

Usage counts were performed in 2010 that determined that the bridge received low volumes of customer usage. As a fully operational footbridge connects both the eastern and western sides of the station, it was deemed that a full replacement bridge would not be justified at this time. However, future demand for the use of the footbridge will be monitored and funding for this project will be reconsidered in the future.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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