



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Your ref: Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1800-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 14 February 2012 about Ferny Grove station.

In response to the issues raised in the petition I wish to advise the following:

1. Speed up construction work at the Ferny Grove Railway Station

- The new (duplicated) track and platform were commissioned during the Easter weekend, 6-9 April 2012. The Ferny Grove Station works are forecast to be completed in October 2012 and the remaining car park and precinct works in late 2012.
- The new bus interchange and kiss 'n' ride in Conavalla Street has been operational since March 2012.
- The car park works are carried out in a staged approach, with approximately 500 car parking spaces available to commuters during each stage. Additional car parks will progressively be made available as works are completed. There will be approximately 1000 car parks available to commuters at the completion of the project.
- The project is on schedule for completion in late 2012.

2. Provide extra temporary parking for commuters during construction

- The Department of Transport and Main Roads will continue to monitor the car parking situation and construction program to ensure the project is delivered as soon as possible.

3. Provide extra temporary commuter bus services during construction

- On 20 February 2012 the TransLink Transit Authority introduced a temporary early morning weekday peak service on bus route 398. This service enables customers to get on a train at Ferny Grove station and into the City before 8am.
- This additional service departs from Arana Hills K-Mart at 7.09am and arrives at Ferny Grove station at 7.21am, connecting to the 7.26am CBD-bound train which arrives at Central station at 7.56am.

- This bus route service has been introduced to give customers an alternative to parking at the Ferny Grove Station while the station car park works are underway.
- Translink will evaluate the use of this service to determine whether it will become a permanent service on the 398 bus route towards the end of project works.

4. Finalise arrangements so the new Ferny Grove Tavern can be built

- Construction work on the new Ferny Grove Tavern commenced on 1 May 2012 and is due to be complete by mid 2013.
- The tavern development includes construction of approximately 145 ground level and 135 underground commuter car parks for Ferny Grove Station. An additional 24 car parks dedicated to the tavern will also be provided. As work progresses on the tavern, additional at grade car parks will be made available to commuters prior to the opening of the tavern.

Yours sincerely



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