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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1939-12 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Peter Dowling MP, Member for Redlands, on 1 August 2012 about bus route 282 travelling along Carissa Street, Mt Cotton.

Carissa Street was identified as an effective route alignment as a greater number of residents in this area could have access to a bus service. In addition, prior to the route 282 being introduced to Carissa Street, school services operated along the street and stopped at the bus stop near Begonia Street. This created an opportunity for route 282 services to use the existing bus stop.

Due to the location of the bus stop on Carissa Street it would not be possible to divert buses into Begonia Street.

TransLink is legislated to utilise roads on which bus services can safely operate. Under the regulations, a two lane road that is approximately seven metres wide with a speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour is within the legislative requirements to operate a TransLink service. I am advised that Carissa Street falls within these requirements.

TransLink's service delivery partner, Veolia Transport, has again inspected the street and confirmed that the street design is suitable for buses to traverse. Veolia will continue to monitor services in relation to speed limits.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Scott Emerson MP  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**