



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 1993-12 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Ian Kaye MP, Member for Greenslopes, on 29 November 2012, about reinstatement of bus route 7 (Mt Gravatt Bus Lines) to be subsidised by the Queensland Government.

I am advised that school bus route 7 was not a TransLink service and was a service funded by private schools for students.

TransLink is currently only funded to provide school students with a service to the closest state school, with priority given to services catering to *School Transport Assisted Scheme* approved school students.

It should be noted that TransLink is unable to fund direct services to all facilities, schools or destinations. Therefore, travel to and from some locations does require customers to interchange between routes.

In light of the above information, TransLink does not have plans to fund a new school service, such as school route 7, at this time.

In the meantime, you may be aware that TransLink is undertaking a full review of all bus routes in the south-east Queensland bus network. This is part of the Newman Government's plans to improve the affordability, reliability and frequency of public transport.

To date TransLink has completed two rounds of passenger participation for the south-east Queensland Bus Network Review which has attracted thousands of individual pieces of input covering around 80 per cent of all routes operating in south-east Queensland.

As we approach the final stage of the review, TransLink is reviewing this feedback with its delivery partners to finalise options on how we can improve the network.

Once complete, a final report will be made available on the TransLink website at www.translink.com.au where passengers will be able to see what changes are proposed for bus routes in their area.

Yours sincerely

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