



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP  
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2063-13 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin on 23 May 2013 about Disability access at Nambour train station.

The Newman Government is committed to maximising accessibility to rail services for the benefit of all commuters.

We undertook a network-wide review of train stations toward the end of last year. This review revealed that approximately \$1.5 billion would be needed to make the City network compliant with current disability access requirements.

As the Member would be aware, we were left with a significant debt by the previous Labor government which makes it difficult to deliver improvements at our train stations to ensure we comply with these requirements.

Nevertheless, we are keen to work with the community and the disability sector to make our stations accessible to all Queenslanders.

With specific reference to Nambour station, all platforms can be accessed independently, without using stairs. This is a single platform station with accessible paths to and from the platform, help phones, hearing loops, accessible toilet and accessible parking.

In total, Nambour station has 89 car parks on the western side of the station, including two bays for persons with a disability.

There are also four short term parking bays on the eastern side of the station. Queensland Rail is currently liaising with Sunshine Coast Regional Council about the possibility of converting these car parks into disability accessible spaces.

We are also investigating the possibility of converting an adjacent block of land on Price Street into a temporary car park, for the benefit local rail commuters. Depending on the outcome of these investigations, it may be possible to allocate additional disability parking bays at this location. We will keep the Sunshine Coast community informed of any developments.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Emerson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**