



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 *Heil*

I refer to a petition number 2125-13 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Peter Dowling MP, Member for Redlands on 4 June 2013 about the integration of the Southern Moreton Bay Islands (SMBI) into the TransLink ticketing network.

The trial integration of these ferry services into the TransLink network will provide significant benefits to the SMBI community, including a reduction of the current one way fares by up to \$2.25 or 25% per trip.

Other *go* card benefits will include:

- A further 20% discount for *go* card users who travel off peak. Off-peak is defined as travel between 9am and 3.30pm, after 7pm on weekdays and all day on weekends and on public holidays. It is calculated at the time the *go* card user first touches on.
- '9 and free' discount which provides *go* card users with free travel within a seven day period from Monday to Sunday after making nine journeys.
- 'One, Two, Free' for seniors and pensioners. Seniors Card +*go*, senior *go* card or green pensioner concession *go* card holders who use *go* card for two paid journeys in one day travel free for the rest of the day.

Residents will also benefit from free inter-island travel with the removal of the current \$3.00 adult fare.

In establishing the TransLink zone for the SMBI, the determination had to take into account the costs of ferry services operation within the Moreton Bay Marine Park.

It is important to note that without the financial support of Redland City Council (RCC), the integration of SMBI ferry services into the TransLink network would not be possible due to the significant cost involved. Any further reduction in fares would require a further subsidy from RCC. As such, the petitioners may wish to raise their concerns with Councillor Karen Williams, Mayor of Redland City Council.

Yours sincerely

Scott Emerson MP
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