



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2154-13 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera on 12 September 2013, about increasing train frequency on the Gold Coast line in peak travel times.

The Newman Government is focussed on improving frequency and reliability of City Network services and earlier this year an additional morning and afternoon peak service between Brisbane and the Gold Coast was introduced, as part of the government's commitment to offer more frequent services.

The introduction of a more regular timetable is an important part of the government's plan to encourage more people to catch public transport and I am pleased to report that Queensland Rail is currently undertaking a full review of the Gold Coast line, to further improve frequency and travel times.

To unlock capacity on the Gold Coast line and allow for additional services under this review, the Queensland and New South Wales governments recently approved changes to the timetable for the interstate passenger train. These changes to the Sydney to Brisbane XPT services will mean less congestion on the Gold Coast line and reduce current capacity constraints.

Approximately 4000 people use Gold Coast trains during the morning peak alone. As an outcome of the review, I have undertaken to ensure Queensland Rail delivers a more frequent service for the benefit of Gold Coast commuters. The outcome of the review is expected to be known in the near future.

The government remains committed to delivering the best possible service for all commuters. I will continue to consult with Mr Crandon as the Gold Coast timetable review progresses.

Yours sincerely

Scott Emerson MP
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