



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PET 12162

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2230-14 and 2264-14 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Verity Barton MP, Member for Broadwater on 20 May 2014, about the increase in bus and truck use of Matthew Flinders Drive as a major thoroughfare.

On 20 January 2014 TransLink implemented changes to the public transport network on the Gold Coast after three stages of community feedback had been undertaken.

The bus network changes affected every bus route on the Gold Coast and included the removal of bus services, introduction of new services and changes to alignments for existing bus routes. These changes included the following.

- Route 711 to:
 - connect Sanctuary Cove, Paradise Point, Runaway Bay and Southport
 - travel along Matthew Flinders Drive between Oxley Drive and Paradise Parade
 - operate at a 60 minute frequency, seven days.
- Route 713 to:
 - connect Paradise Point, Coombabah, Runaway Bay, Harbour Town, Labrador and Southport
 - travel along Matthew Flinders Drive between Oxley Drive and Bayview Street
 - operate at a 30 minute frequency, seven days.

These changes have now provided Ms Barton's constituents of Matthew Flinders Drive and Paradise Point with an improved public transport service.

TransLink is currently reviewing the need for bus stops on Matthew Flinders Drive. My office will work with Ms Barton's office prior to making a decision.

In regard to trucks using Matthew Flinders Drive, I can advise that TransLink is not the appropriate authority to determine which vehicles are entitled to use this road. I encourage Ms Barton's constituents to contact the City of Gold Coast council for information about possible restrictions of use of the road.

Yours sincerely

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