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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2462-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 27 October 2015 about the cost of public transport fares.

I can assure you that this government is committed to providing an integrated, reliable and affordable public transport network.

As you may be aware, the Queensland Government recently appointed a taskforce of public transport experts to conduct a comprehensive review of the TransLink fare structure to improve public transport affordability and boost patronage in South East Queensland, while ensuring a sustainable fare revenue stream that will allow the network to grow.

While the scope of this review will include consideration of products and ticket types, the ability to implement changes with existing ticketing system technology and timeframe limitations must also be considered.

The eight-member taskforce includes industry-leading public transport experts and representatives from key local user groups who bring a wealth of global and local transport knowledge and experience to the table. The taskforce is taking a holistic view of the existing fare structure and is anticipated to provide its recommendations to government by the end of the year.

The community will be consulted on the findings of the taskforce to help inform the final decision by government. Specific details about how, when and where the community can get involved and have their say will be made available once the taskforce finalises its recommendations.

More information about the Fare Review Taskforce terms of reference can be found on TransLink's website at www.translink.com.au.

Yours sincerely

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