

Our ref MC8414

Mr Neil Laurie  
Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

**Re: Proposed disability upgrade to the Corinda railway station**

I refer to the petition lodged on behalf of Mr Keith Hamilton by the Honourable Mr Robert Quinn MP, Member for Robina in Parliament on 27 November 2003, about the proposed upgrades of Corinda railway station. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I would like to assure you that this Government is committed to providing safe and well-maintained facilities at railway stations for the travelling public. The 2004/05 Budget provided \$106 million to be spent over 3 years to improve access to Citytrain stations and trains. This new funding together with current and previous programs will result in over \$150 million being spent to improve access to Citytrain services by the end of 2007.

Corinda station will soon receive a major upgrade to improve access. On Platform 5, which is a side platform, a lift will be provided and the ramp will remain as QR considers there is sufficient room on the platform for passengers to manoeuvre safely around the ramp.

Platforms 1 & 2 and 3 & 4 are island platforms and, at platform level, space either side of the existing ramps is limited. On these platforms ramps will be replaced with a lift and stairs to provide greater safety for QR customers and better access. The tendering process for the work has closed and QR wishes to start building at the end of September 2004. The work will be completed by April 2005, if all goes to plan.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**PAUL LUCAS MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**