



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2889-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 20 March 2018 about bus and transit lanes.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing a reliable and safe transport network for Queensland.

To ensure an efficient use of the road network, special purpose lanes, such as bus lanes and transit lanes, are integrated across the state. These lanes are dedicated for use by buses, some public passenger services, and other vehicles carrying multiple people, and increase the total capacity and operating efficiency of the transport network.

Under Queensland's personalised transport reforms, rideshare services were legalised in Queensland in September 2016. While taxis and limousines can access bus and transit lanes at any time, the Queensland Government made a decision not to extend special purpose lane exemptions to rideshare (or booked hire) vehicles given the congestion impacts this would cause. This in turn would have significant impacts on the efficiency of the broader public transport network.

However, it is important to note that booked hire vehicles can access transit lanes when they are carrying an adequate number of passengers. This means a booked hire vehicle carrying a driver and at least one passenger can travel in a T2 lane, and a booked hire vehicle carrying a driver and at least two passengers can travel in a T3 lane.

I can confirm that there are no plans to change the framework regarding the use of special purpose lanes by booked hire vehicles at this time.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MARK BAILEY', with a long, sweeping underline.

**MARK BAILEY MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**