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Dear Mr McArdle

Re: Petition No 234-04 - Bus Service in Pelican Waters

Thank for your petition which was tabled in Parliament on 20 April 2004, requesting the implementation of a bus service in Pelican Waters.

In June 2003, the State Government created a new agency within Queensland Transport known as TransLink. TransLink is currently undertaking the task of developing an integrated urban transport system within South East Queensland (SEQ) to improve the efficiency of public transport service coordination and introduce integrated ticketing and fares. Commencing mid-year, the integrated transport system will extend from Noosa to Coolangatta and west to Helidon.

TransLink is currently developing a TransLink Network Plan (TNP) for SEQ, including the Sunshine Coast. The plan focuses on improving public transport services and infrastructure in the urban areas.

The outcome of the plan will be a three-year rolling program for implementation between 2004 and 2007. Actions will include, but are not limited to:

- providing new public transport services, increasing service capacity on existing services to cater for growth and meet service standards, or modifying existing services to better serve the changing needs of the travelling public;
- connecting services at key interchanges; and
- providing new or upgraded bus stops, interchange facilities, bus priority measures and other infrastructure.

You will be pleased to learn that the TNP recommends the implementation of a new bus service, which will travel through Pelican Waters and Golden Beach and connect to the existing bus services available at Caloundra. The commencement date of the new service is still to be determined, but is expected to be by the end of this year.

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The TNP is expected to be made available for public comment in July or August and will contain further details regarding this new service, and other improvements to the public transport services provided throughout the Sunshine Coast.

I trust this information will assist in responding to the local community.

Yours sincerely

SIGNED

PAUL LUCAS MP

Minister for Transport and Main Roads