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Mr Neil Laurie
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Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2898-18 and 2935-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Jon Krause MP, Member for Scenic Rim on 16 May 2018, requesting the introduction of a demand responsive transport (DRT) trial for residents of Mount Tamborine.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing Queensland with an integrated, efficient, accessible public transport network.


As the Member is aware, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is currently trialling the DRT concept in three specific trial sites in Logan. These locations were chosen as they allowed the performance of the trial to be easily evaluated against a wide range of criteria. Once the trial is complete, TMR will evaluate its effectiveness and investigate the suitability of DRT services for other communities across South East Queensland.

In the meantime, residents of Mount Tamborine should be encouraged to use the Mount Tamborine to Beenleigh FlexiLink service operated by Yellow Cabs. This service has been operating for more than 10 years as a convenient way to travel and is close in concept to the DRT requested by the Member. It is designed to meet train times at Beenleigh station to provide efficient integration between networks for people travelling to and from Brisbane City and the Gold Coast. For more information about transport in Mount Tamborine, please visit www.scenicrimtransport.com/cms/tambourine-mtn.html

As a possible alternative to bus and Flexilink travel, residents of Mount Tamborine with mobility restrictions may be eligible for membership of the Taxi Subsidy Scheme (TSS). TSS provides an affordable and accessible transport option for people with a disability who experience profound difficulties using other modes of public passenger transport. Specific benefits of TSS include a subsidy paid by the Queensland Government of half the total taxi fare, up to a maximum subsidy of \$25, and access to subsidised taxi travel in other Australian states and territories.

For further information, and to determine eligibility, residents can access TMR's website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au, or contact the TSS unit by email at tssu@tmr.qld.gov.au or telephone on 1300 134 755.

Yours sincerely

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MARK BAILEY MP
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