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Mr Neil Laurie
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Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 3082-19 and 2969-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr David Batt MP, Member for Bundaberg on 12 February 2019, about allowing a visually impaired person to obtain a Disability Parking Scheme Permit.

As a result of a national review of Disability Parking Schemes, conducted in 2010, the Australian Disability Parking Permit Scheme currently focuses on an applicant's functional ability to walk.

As noted by petitioners, this means persons with intellectual, psychiatric, cognitive and sensory impairment (such as vision) do not currently meet the eligibility criteria in Queensland, unless they also have an impairment that impacts on their functional ability to walk.

Petitioners may be pleased to note, however, that I have requested the Department of Transport and Main Roads to assess the feasibility of expanding the eligibility criteria for the Disability Parking Scheme Permit in Queensland to also include people with vision impairment. This review is due to be finalised in mid-2019, and I will announce the outcome in due course.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Bailey".

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads