



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3129-19, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, Member for Mulgrave on 14 May 2019 about the request to extend urban bus services to 48 Progress Road, White Rock.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) TransLink Division (TransLink) is committed to providing customers with an integrated, accessible and efficient public transport network.

TransLink's network planners have assessed the request to extend route 143 to Bupa Aged Care in White Rock and recognise the benefits offered by the proposed route extension. TransLink is committed to considering this improvement as part of future changes to the Cairns bus network. It must be noted that any additional service investment is subject to funding availability and assessment against other statewide public transport priorities.

In the interim, I am advised that for Bupa Aged Care staff, it is not necessary to walk across the highway at night. Hail 'n' ride is available in this area, and staff can walk 430 metres to Giffin Road and hail the route 143 service from that location.

Furthermore, TMR operates a Taxi Subsidy Scheme (TSS) to assist people with mobility restrictions. Residents of Bupa Aged Care may be eligible for membership of the TSS. Specific benefits of the 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](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au), or contact the TSS Unit by telephone on 1300 134 755 or by email at [tssu@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:tssu@tmr.qld.gov.au).

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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