



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
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BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3540-21, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera on 15 June 2021 about Jacobs Well bus services.

As advised in response to petition 3424-20, the Palaszczuk Government recognises the importance of continued investment in our public transport network to enable access to health services, education and jobs for all Queenslanders. However, as there is high demand for additional bus services across Queensland, it is essential to prioritise investment across the state to areas of greatest need where it will create the largest positive impact.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) advises that, at this time, the population density in this area does not provide the passenger demand required to justify the introduction of regular scheduled bus services.

The continued collaboration between the Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) and TMR demonstrates the readiness of both levels of government to work together to improve transport options for residents in this area. I welcome GCCC's funding commitment of \$11 million over five years for the proposed initiative and acknowledge that matched funding from the Queensland Government has been requested.

The identified levels of funding are significant and will require consideration as part of the state's future budget prioritisation processes, in the context of current budget pressures at all levels of government due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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