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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3726-22, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera on 11 May 2022 about additional bus services between Ormeau Railway Station and Coomera Railway Station.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing an integrated and efficient public transport network for Queensland. Our government has a strong record of investing in public transport—whether it is Cross River Rail, light rail on the Gold Coast, upgrading train stations or new bus services in our growing outer-urban areas.

I welcome the City of Gold Coast's (CoGC) commitment to jointly fund the proposed Northern Gold Coast Bus Service Improvements Initiative. The economic pressures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent floods that impacted South-East Queensland continue to present new challenges for all levels of government. Given this pressure, and the high level of funding this proposal requires, any agreement with CoGC is subject to ongoing budget consideration.

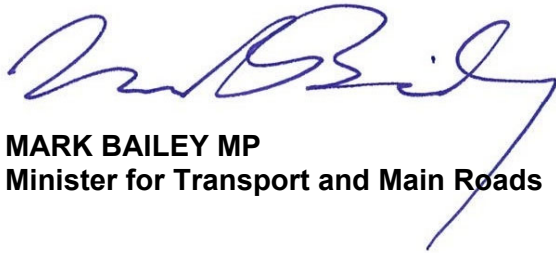
The Palaszczuk Government is committed to improving public transport and keeping the Gold Coast moving through numerous projects underway. This includes the \$1 billion upgrade of the M1 between Tugun and Varsity Lakes, pre-construction work progressing on Stage 1 of the Coomera Connector and construction which has commenced on the \$1.2 billion Stage 3 of G:Link between Broadbeach South and Burleigh, and the On Demand Transport trials in Pacific Pines and Nerang/Highland Park.

Construction is also currently underway on three new Gold Coast rail stations at Pimpama, Hope Island and Merrimac. These three new stations are being delivered as part of Cross River Rail and will significantly boost capacity on the Gold Coast Line. Construction of the new stations will be completed and operational in time for the first Cross River Rail services to the Gold Coast.

Under a previous government, the Cross River Rail project was cut alongside \$1.6 billion in roads and transport investment. Without the Cross River Rail, there would be no Pimpama Station being built to support the project.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping underline that extends downwards and to the right.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads