

## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition Number 3789-22, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 12 October 2022, about the need for an additional bus stop at the Kingsthorpe skate park for Oakey State High School students who live in Kingsthorpe.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing an accessible and—most importantly—safe school and public transport network for Queensland. The Palaszczuk Government continues to provide approximately \$180 million annually through the School Transport Assistance Scheme to support students accessing state schools in their local area.

I can confirm the Department of Transport and Main Roads has investigated this request and advises that there are three government-contracted school bus services operating in the Kingsthorpe area. Bus service P1036 is provided for students travelling to Oakey State High School, and services S178 and S577 are provided for students travelling to Harristown State High School.

A review of the school bus network in the Kingsthorpe area is currently being undertaken to determine the network for the 2023 school year. The feedback and request for a bus stop at the Kingsthorpe skate park will be included for consideration in the review process.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP

**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**