

## Minister for Transport and Main Roads Minister for Digital Services

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

I refer to petition 3874-23, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera, on 9 May 2023 about Jacobs Well bus services.

The Palaszczuk Government acknowledges the northern Gold Coast as one of the fastest growing areas in Australia, with significant growth in demand for public transport. That is why we recently commenced a jointly funded initiative with Gold Coast City Council, which will see an additional \$16.4 million invested into the northern Gold Coast bus network over five years.

These improvements will be delivered across three stages, with stage 1 implemented on 13 February 2023, providing improved service frequencies and extended span of hours for routes 721, 722 and 726 in Coomera Waters, Pimpama and Upper Coomera. This saw significant increase in frequency with almost 800 new services per week added to the Northern Gold Coast. Further information will be available soon regarding stage 2 of the package, and information on stage 3 will be made available once planning has been finalised.

Community feedback and suggestions are an important source of information when undertaking a service review and prioritising investment, so I would like to thank the constituents for their petition. The Department of Transport and Main Roads will consider services to the Jacobs Well area as part of stage 3 of the bus network improvements package.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP

Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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