



Hon John Mickel MP
Member for Logan



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Your ref. 888-07

**Minister for Transport, Trade,
Employment and Industrial Relations**

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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 888-07 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 22 August 2007 requesting additional Citytrain services to Gympie.

Currently, the Citytrain network is carrying about 56.5 million passengers per annum. In 2016, the Citytrain network is predicted to carry around 90 million passengers, an increase of about 60% over the next nine years.

To address this growth, the State Government will invest \$905m over the next 10 years providing extra TransLink train, bus and ferry services in South East Queensland (SEQ).

In addition, the State Government is spending approximately \$289m to build 72 new train carriages and new stabling facilities at Mayne Yards. The high speed carriages are under construction in Maryborough and the first set was deployed on 28 May 2007.

The benefits of the new carriages include:

- 48 carriages with toilets for long distance journeys;
- Advanced CCTV;
- Improved lighting;
- Electronic passenger information systems; and
- Improved visibility between carriages – increasing passenger safety.

The Government has also committed to investing a further \$295m in 60 additional train carriages and stabling to be delivered by 2010. Full delivery of the 132 carriages will increase the size of the fleet by 30% or around 10 000 additional seats.

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The allocation of future rollingstock is based on addressing demand pressures on the network. The Citytrain service from Gympie to Central carries around 40 passengers in the morning and around 67 passengers in the evening to get people back to Gympie. This is a dedicated Citytrain service with specifically allocated rollingstock called ICE units (228 seats per five-car unit).

TransLink and Queensland Rail will be implementing a major timetable change in March 2008 which will involve a significant restructure of the TransLink Citytrain and bus network to best meet passenger needs. Additional services on the Sunshine Coast line (between Nambour and Central, which is a significant part of the journey from Gympie to Central) will be considered as part of this major timetable restructure.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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