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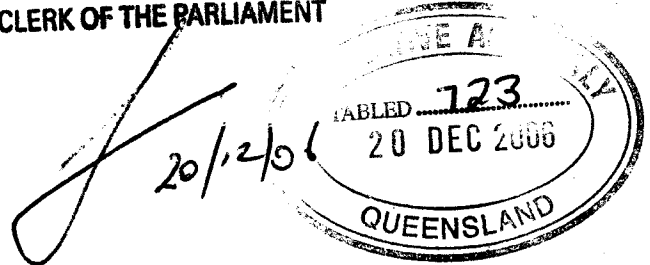
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THE CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENT

Minister for
Transport and Main Roads



Dear Mr Laurie

Re: Petition No. 712-06 - traffic congestion, parking and security at Grovely, Oxford Park and Mitchelton stations

I refer to a petition lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Michael Caltabiano the former Member for Chatsworth on 11 October 2006 about traffic congestion, parking and security at Mitchelton, Oxford Park and Grovely stations.

The Queensland Government's *South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2006-2026* (SEQIPP) has identified the need to duplicate the existing single track between Mitchelton and Ferny Grove stations, at a cost of \$55m (\$2006).

The need for this project is driven by continued population growth in the region and the trend towards denser urban development along the corridor. In 2003-04, 4.6 million passengers used the Ferny Grove line and this number is growing. Duplication of the track will provide the necessary capacity to allow the introduction of new services in response to increased demand.

The \$38m Mitchelton to Keperra track duplication project is the first phase of the duplication of the track to Ferny Grove. Construction of this project commenced in October 2006 and is planned for completion by late 2007. In addition to duplicating the existing single track, significant upgrades to the station facilities at Oxford Park and Grovely stations will also be undertaken. These upgrades include:

- New Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport (DDA) compliant station buildings and shelters;
- Additional parking including disabled parking;
- New passenger drop-off zones (Oxford Park);

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- Upgraded station lighting, closed circuit television security and electronic passenger information systems;
- New/upgraded railway platforms and bike lockers;
- New lifts and stair access to platforms;
- Upgrade of pedestrian underpass (Oxford Park) and new footbridge (Grovely); and
- Landscaping.

All trackside infrastructure at level crossings including pedestrian gates, audible alarms, flashing lights and boom gates will be replaced. New pedestrian mazes at Blackwood Street, Glenholm Street and Dawson Parade level crossings will also be provided as part of the project.

With regard to the issue of traffic congestion raised by the petitioners, I am advised that Queensland Rail (QR) commissioned further investigations into possible traffic control measures, in consultation with Brisbane City Council (BCC), including the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Blaker Road and Dawson Parade. This was undertaken in response to concerns raised during community consultation for the project. The investigation identified that installation of traffic lights would not address the issue, and was not supported by BCC.

The BCC has identified a 'road over rail' grade separation at Dawson Parade in its current ten year transport plan for Brisbane. Council has advised that funding for this project is not a high priority within this timeframe.

I am also advised that with regard to improving car parking at other locations on the Ferny Grove line, TransLink recently provided an additional 130 park 'n' ride spaces at Ferny Grove station and released plans to further develop the station to allow for future growth. TransLink is also planning to upgrade the bus/rail interchange at Mitchelton station including additional park 'n' ride spaces by late 2007. These works will include improved access and security.

TransLink is also currently developing a park 'n' ride strategy and subsequent program of works, as part of the development of the next TransLink Network Plan. The strategy will identify key strategic park 'n' ride locations throughout the network including on the Ferny Grove line.

I have enclosed copies of the information flyers that have been displayed at Grovely and Oxford Park stations for your further information. Additional information regarding the Mitchelton to Keperra track duplication project can be found on the internet at www.qr.com.au/SEQIP/projects/m2k/.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised by the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mitchelton to _____ Keperra Duplication

Grovelly Station

The Grovelly Station upgrade will include:

- A second platform opposite the existing platform. This platform will be 'city bound'.
- The new station building will be located on the new platform.
- The existing station building will be removed.
- Two new lifts, stairs and a footbridge provide access to all platform.
- Upgraded station lighting and CCTV security cameras.
- Alteration of existing ramps construction of new ramps from Blaker Road into the car park and the car park onto the existing platform.
- Extension of the car park behind the new platform to provide additional car parking spaces and disabled car parking spaces.
- Landscaping for the station and surrounds.
- Additional bike lockers.
- New shelters.

