

The Honourable Scott Emerson MP Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PET 10689

Your ref: Petitions

3 APR 2013

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie Veil

I refer to a petition number 2067-13 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Stephen Davies MP, Member for Capalaba on 5 March 2013 about building a bridge to Stradbroke Island via Russell Island.

While the state is not in a position to fund this bridge, I would encourage the community to gauge the interest of the private sector to see if interest exists to build this connection with private funding.

I am pleased to advise that from 1 July 2013, the TransLink public transport network will be extended to encompass Lamb, Karragarra, Macleay and Russell Islands. This will allow passengers to use *go* cards on the Bay Island Ferries and provide considerable savings for both residents and visitors.

Yours sincerely

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