

Our ref: PET 22179

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I refer to petition numbers 2770-17 and 2724-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Tim Mander MP, Member for Everton on 13 June 2017, requesting the provision of bus services to the residential area to the north of South Pine Road, Everton Hills.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing an integrated, efficient, and accessible public transport network for Queensland.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has investigated the petitioners' request to extend bus services along Henderson Road, Bunya Road, Buckland Road, Bennetts Road and Chinook Street.

TMR has advised that the provision of scheduled urban bus services to this catchment is unable to be considered further at this time primarily due to the road network design which is circuitous and indirect in nature. Additionally, some roads in the area do not meet the minimum road width requirement of seven metres from curb to curb for the safe travel of buses and other road users.

TMR has also advised the road form in many areas, particularly along Bunya Road, is not suitable for the provision of formal bus stops due to poor sight lines, solid traffic lines and road gradients, which prohibits access requirements under the Commonwealth *Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA)*.

Regular bus services in the form of bus routes 360, 396 and 397 continue to be available to the area which travel along South Pine Road. Combined, these services operate across the week connecting to services at Ferny Grove, Enoggera and Mitchelton stations, and to and from key community attractors such as Brookside Shopping Centre, Arana Hills Shopping Plaza, Fortitude Valley, and Brisbane's central business district.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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