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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 3426-20, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera on 1 December 2020 to fast track the construction of Pimpama Railway Station.

The Palaszczuk Government recognises the importance of continued investment in our public transport network to enable Queenslanders to connect more easily to health services, education, jobs and with each other.

Early works at the Pimpama Station have started, including geotechnical works, surveys, utility identification and environmental studies including heritage, flora and fauna.

In October 2019, we sought community feedback on concept designs for the three new Gold Coast stations and further consultation will be undertaken stakeholders in 2021.

The delivery of additional rail services for customers across the network is complex and requires a whole-of-system response.

Accelerating the civil works to construct Pimpama Station is only a part of what would be needed to deliver services at that location.

Other required system elements include signalling, communications and control systems, additional rollingstock and rail and bus timetable changes for commuters on the Gold Coast rail line and local bus network.

These elements are being sequenced and planned to be delivered as part of network enhancements in the lead up to Cross River Rail opening.

The Palaszczuk Government will continue to consider whether there are opportunities to accelerate the outcome for customers.

Under the previous LNP government, the Cross River Rail project was cut alongside \$1.6 billion in roads and transport investment.

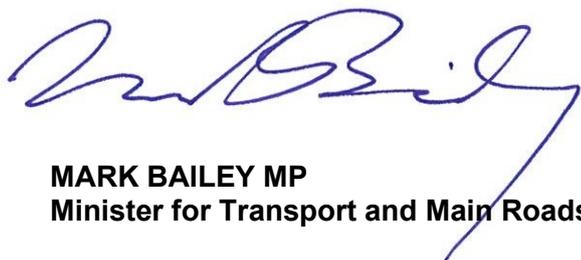
The LNP's decision to cut Cross River Rail meant there was zero prospect of a new Pimpama Station ever being built to support the project had the LNP won power in 2017.

The previous LNP government also made the decision to order the New Generation Rollingstock (NGR) trains from overseas.

This was a critical decision under the Newman Government, which rendered the NGR trains non-compliant with the federal *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping tail extending downwards and to the right.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads