

## Minister for Transport and Main Roads Minister for Digital Services

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Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of the Parliament Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3891-23, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Mark Boothman MP, Member for Theodore on 22 August 2023 about public transport options for residents of Maudsland.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is committed to providing an integrated and efficient public transport network. It is not always possible to provide transport services to all areas of Queensland. This is particularly the case in low-density and semi-rural regions, as they are often significantly more expensive to service and demand is generally inadequate to support stand-alone scheduled services.

TMR acknowledges the requests by the local community in Maudsland for access to the public transport network. While areas off Maudsland Road have a small number of suburban style housing estates, overall, the area has very low levels of density and only a small proportion of the population lives in close proximity to roads which would support bus services.

Therefore, there are no plans to provide a bus service to this area of Maudsland. However, as population density in Maudsland grows, additional services will be investigated as part of future reviews. Please note that any request for additional bus services must be considered against competing priorities across the State and the levels of funding currently available.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP

Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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