



Hon John Mickel MP
Member for Logan



**Queensland
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**Minister for Transport, Trade,
Employment and Industrial Relations**

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Streets
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 1118-08 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 10 September 2008 requesting to provide a bus service for the residents of Atkinson Road, Bli Bli and surrounding roads located between Nambour Connection Road and Bli Bli.

The Queensland Government through the TransLink Transit Authority is committed to providing fair and equitable access to public transport. As you would appreciate, many requests are received for new services from across South East Queensland. TransLink's challenge is to fill the gaps in the network while ensuring that services are well patronised and represent value for money.

TransLink advises that Sunbus service route 602 *Caloundra to Nambour via Maroochydore and Bli Bli* travels along Bli Bli Road, however due to the road network and regulated traffic flow near the intersection of Atkinson Road this location is not suitable for a bus stop. TransLink also advises that the road network of Camp Flat Road, Francis Road and Gallery Drive are not suitable to accommodate TransLink urban bus services which are generally operated using full size buses.

TransLink further advises that the minimum standard for implementing bus transport services in regional areas of South East Queensland is seven dwellings per hectare. I am advised that the urban density of this outer area of Bli Bli consists of less than 3.5 dwellings per hectare and is therefore below the minimum limit of 7 dwellings per hectare considered necessary to support viable urban bus services.

TransLink advises that a flexi-link taxi service may be suitable for Atkinson Road and Gallery Drive. These services are generally implemented at the local government level and the constituents may wish to request that Sunshine Coast Regional Council investigate the provision of a flexi-taxi service.

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TransLink also advises that Sunbus route 602 will be reviewed in accordance with the *TransLink Network Plan* annual review to improve services and accessibility for customers in growing residential areas along this corridor.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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