



Speech by

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MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Mr RYAN (Morayfield—ALP) (11.38 am): I rise to highlight to the House the great work that this Queensland Labor government is doing in the area of public transport. On Monday, 23 August 2010, I was at the Morayfield train station celebrating the addition of two new peak-time weekday train services on the Caboolture line. These new peak-time train services on the Caboolture line will add 4,500 weekly seats to the local public transport network. Local people know that I have been campaigning hard for improved public transport infrastructure and additional public transport services for the Caboolture-Morayfield region. That is why I am very pleased that this state Labor government is delivering the new weekday peak-time train services on the Caboolture line.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The member for Morayfield has the call. Would members on both sides please refrain from interjecting.

Mr RYAN: The new weekday morning peak service will now depart Caboolture station at 6.32 am and arrive at Central at 7.29 am. This service will run express from Petrie to Northgate train stations. The new weekday afternoon peak service will depart Central station at 3.48 pm and arrive at Petrie at 4.30 pm. Not only does this new afternoon peak service add extra capacity to the Caboolture line; it relieves pressure on later Caboolture services.

I welcome these two new weekday peak-time train services on the Caboolture line, but I know that there is more to do. Whilst I will not stop fighting for further improvements to public transport infrastructure and more public transport services, I remind the House that it is only a Labor government which is committed to affordable, quality and reliable public transport services. It is only a Labor government which is delivering more public transport services and better public transport infrastructure for our communities. Through our Connecting SEQ 2031 public transport plan, this Labor government will provide the public transport services and infrastructure which our communities need both now and into the future.