



Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Burleigh Electorate, Old Burleigh Town Bus

 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (8.01 pm): In 2019 I tabled a number of petitions in the Queensland parliament calling for a bus service to Old Burleigh Town in my electorate. Those petitions were completely ignored by the minister. He did respond to me and I table a copy of the response.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 2 June 2019, from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads, Hon. Mark Bailey, to the Clerk of the Parliament, Mr Neil Laurie, regarding petitions 3135-19 and 3088-19 [440](#).

The minister came back to me and said that the people in Old Burleigh Town—and 1,068 of them signed the petition—needed to catch a cab or walk but there would be no bus service provided. If those people chose to catch heavy rail from where they live, the TransLink page says that their first option of getting to the Varsity Lakes train station is by walking 2,564 metres to the nearest bus stop!

Mr Crandon: That's all right for young people.

Mr HART: I take that interjection from the member for Coomera. That might be okay for young people but it is not suitable for some of the elderly in Old Burleigh Town. The minister said that the roads in Old Burleigh Town were not wide enough for a bus, yet there is a student bus service in that area. We see heaps of buses going through there. At the moment with the M1 being widened, we are seeing B-doubles going through that area.

I have written to the minister a couple of times since then, so I was a bit surprised to see that his mate the member for Gaven now has an on-demand service in Nerang, Highland Park and Pacific Pines. While he ignores me—and I am the first to admit that I am not a friend of the Minister for Transport. He does not overly like me. Obviously he likes the member for Gaven.

Mr Power: No-one likes you.

Mr HART: I am sad that, according to the member for Logan, apparently nobody likes me. Never mind. I urge the minister to consider expanding that trial to Old Burleigh Town so that the people in my electorate do not have to walk 2,564 metres to the nearest bus stop. It cannot be that hard for the minister to assist a member from the other side while he assists a member on his own side in the process. I have written to the minister and I have asked him to expand this particular service to my electorate. What have I heard back? Crickets. Nothing. Nada. I urge the minister to consider that.