

Question on Notice

No. 508

Asked on Thursday, 4 June 2015

MR WATTS asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade (HON J TRAD) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister explain why the 400 over 50's residents of Palm Lake Resort, Hogg St, Toowoomba have to wait for a full network review of the Toowoomba Bus Service to include a bus stop to service this community including the Palm Lake Resort?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Toowoomba North for the question.

To service Palm Lake Resort with the current bus network, a realignment is required for Route 6. Changing the current Wilsonton Heights alignment would remove access to public transport for existing passengers in at least one direction. Altering the Route 6 alignment is not a simple change as there is considerable patronage on the existing route through Wilsonton Heights.

A holistic network review will provide the opportunity to cater for current passengers as well as the Palm Lake Resort. Changes to individual Routes are not possible at this time as bus services and timetables are currently designed with all trips linked.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads will undertake a comprehensive review and analysis of the Toowoomba bus network as part of the planned service change in Toowoomba, which will include servicing Palm Lake Resort.

The department notes that the Palm Lake Resort also currently provides a courtesy bus service to residents.