

EMAIL 2: Sent to Kawana Forest Residents with update of Kawana Forest Community Transport Needs - Survey Results and Next Steps - 4 November 2020

Hi All

Just an update on what has been happening behind the scenes:

1 October 2020 - MP Jarrod Bleijie met with KAFRA committee members to discuss a number of matters, particularly the bus issue

8 October 2020 – Jarrod emailed TMR (Transport Main Roads) Director General Neil Scales requesting an urgent meeting with Translink so that KAFRA can present their community survey, the need for a bus service and also offer suggestions of how best to achieve the outcome with minimal impact on other bus services

27 October 2020 – we received a letter from TMR Director General Neil Scales dated 15 October 2020 with the attached full response. Key points include:

- Low density developments such as Kawana Forest that are poorly connected to the local road network reduce the efficiency of the resources and limit opportunities to provide coverage for all residents within the level of funding available
- The inability of current road network to adequately support bus movements, for the safe operation of the standard 12.5 metre Disability Discrimination Act 1992 compliant buses on very narrow roads and roundabouts
- The investment consideration required by local council to improve the condition and layout of local roads within the estate to facilitate TransLink buses
- Travel time impacts on other passengers if existing services could be extended into the estate
- Investment considerations to service a relatively small market given the isolated nature of this development that has poor connection to surrounding developments in Meridan Plains, Currimundi and Birtinya
- School services are operated using high-floor vehicles which are not utilised in the urban TransLink fleet

27 October 2020 – in lieu of a meeting being granted, a copy of our 20 page Community Transport Needs Analysis was sent to the Director General

2 November 2020 – The KaFRA committee presented the results of our survey and report to Cr Peter Cox as well as a copy of the letter from the Director General. Cr Cox has advised that he will raise this with incoming new Sunshine Coast CEO Emma Thomas (Former Director-General of Transport Canberra and City Services in the Australian Capital Territory)

We're obviously disappointed with the response that TMR have provided. We will continue to request a meeting with TMR through Jarrod Bleijie so we have an opportunity to present and discuss our community needs, the growth and infrastructure changes over the last ten years. Our main proposal will extend an existing service by one stop, therefore not increasing any travel time to existing passengers using the #611 route.

KaFRA will continue to keep you informed as we hear more. Please contact us if you have any information that you believe could assist us.

Kind Regards

Alana McEwen

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