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Dear Director General

I refer to the ongoing issue with respect to a lack of any bus service in Kawana Forest, Meridan Plains.

I note that in your most recent letter of 15 October 2020 you advise of the challenges of introducing a bus service to Kawana Forest. I have set out below your response together with my comments and further questions:

1. Low density developments that are poorly connected to the local road network;
 - *Kawana Forest is well connected to the local area network including direct access onto Kawana Way Link Road.*
2. The inability of the 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;
 - *That is odd considering the same buses operate on similar roundabouts including Creekside Boulevard.*
3. The investment consideration required by local council to improve the condition and layout of local roads within the estate to facilitate TransLink buses;
 - *Has the Department made any representations to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council for a road upgrade to satisfy the Departments requirement?*
4. The travel time impacts on other passengers if existing services could be extended into the estate;
 - *The obvious answer to this is for there to be additional buses together with additional services. If the State Government wish for more people to use public transport, then an adequate service should be made available. The Kawana Forest Residents*

- *Association has come up with possible solutions that do not include additional time on existing services and relatively minor changes to other networks.*
5. 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.
- *Kawana Forest has grown. It has a prep to 12 college, a retirement village, shops and a café. Again, Kawana Forest is well connected to the local communities with direct access to Kawana Way Link Road leading onto Kawana Way, Creekside Boulevard and Caloundra Way.*


I have attached the presentation given to me by the Kawana Forest Residents Association, together with the survey results.

I would respectfully request that a meeting is arranged between the Department, Council, myself and a small delegation from the Kawana Forest Residents Association.

I certainly see great value in a bus service operating within Kawana Forest and will continue to offer my support to such a proposal.

I look forward to your reply with respect to a mutually convenient time for a meeting.

Yours sincerely



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