

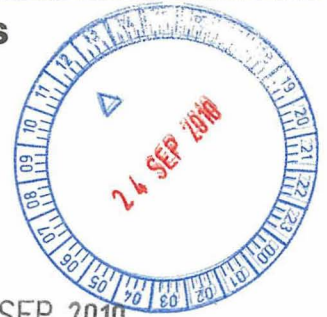


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Hon. Simon O'Brien MLC

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Hon Brian Ellis MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000



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Dear Mr Ellis *Brian*

Thank you for your letter of 18 August 2010 with attached petition.

Transperth operates with a finite operating budget and bus fleet and must allocate these resources in a manner that provides the greatest possible benefit to the broader community of Perth. Unfortunately, there are currently a number of suburbs across the metropolitan area where residents have few or no public transport options and Transperth must prioritise the introduction of improved services as funding becomes available.

When planning public transport services, Transperth endeavours to use a distance of up to 500 metres as a guide to the reasonable distance passengers in the metropolitan area could be expected to walk to access public transport. This distance is also used as a fairly standard template throughout metropolitan areas in the world's major cities.

It is acknowledged by Transperth that parts of Banksia Grove, Carramar, Ashby, Tapping and Sinagra have considerably longer distances to walk to access public transport. As a result, Transperth's Service Development Plan includes projects to introduce feeder bus route services to better serve the area, including extension of routes 467 and 469. As these plans are not yet funded, there is currently no timeframe for their implementation.

Thank you for taking the time to raise this matter.

Yours sincerely

Simon O'Brien, MLC
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT