



# Media Release

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## **Newman Slashes Graceville and Yeronga Bus Services**

The Newman State Government's review of south-east Queensland bus services has turned into a nightmare Christmas gift for residents in the southern and western suburbs.

Councillor for Tennyson Ward, Nicole Johnston, said the Newman Government's decision to cut the 107 and 108 routes servicing the suburbs of Graceville, Tennyson, Yeerongpilly, Yeronga and Fairfield was short-sighted and stupid.

"Despite living up to 2kms from their nearest rail station, many residents, including those at a local retirement village, will be left with no bus service at all," Councillor Johnston said.

"Thousands more residents have had the frequency of critical suburban bus services slashed. Elderly residents can't access local rail stations because of steep stairs, walking long distances and inadequate car parking. Often their only means of transport, to shops and doctors, is by bus."

Affected services in Tennyson Ward include:

- 107 and 108 affecting Chelmer, Graceville, Tennyson, Yeerongpilly, Yeronga and Fairfield - cut; and
- 101,102,103,104,105,106,116 and 121 affecting Corinda, Sherwood, Graceville, Tennyson, Yeronga, Yeerongpilly, Fairfield and Annerley – frequency reduced.

Last year the Bligh Government cut Tennyson rail line services and now the Newman State Government is cutting the frequency of the 104 replacement bus services.

"It is the elderly travelling to hospitals and shops, and school students heading to St Laurence's, Corinda State High, St Aiden's, Brisbane State High and Somerville House who will be hardest hit by this senseless decision," Councillor Johnston said.

Residents have only 10 days to object via the Translink website with submissions closing on Monday 17 December.

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