



Rachel Nolan MP
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Media release

Ipswich residents to benefit from better bus stops for Bell Street

Transport Minister and Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan today announced that TransLink would make changes to the bus stops along one of Ipswich's busiest streets following calls from the local community.

Ms Nolan said that from Monday 28 September 2009 Ipswich commuters would find it much easier to catch buses from Bell Street with TransLink streamlining five smaller bus stops into two lead stops on either side of the street.

"I'm pleased to advise that five smaller bus stops along Bell Street will soon become two main, lead stops for people travelling through the Ipswich CBD and surrounding suburbs," Ms Nolan said.

"A lead stop means that all buses going in a certain direction can be hailed from the one point.

"With a lead stop in place, the second bus to arrive loads from behind the first bus and so on, allowing more buses to load at once.

"These stops serve as the major interchange point for passengers between rail and bus services in the Ipswich region with more than 1000 passengers passing through each day.

"These new arrangements make it much easier for Ipswich commuters to find their stop, as well as access for more buses," Ms Nolan said.

"This will also improve the flow of buses through the stops and provide quicker loading and unloading of passengers, overcoming problems with congestion."

The new 'Bell Street Stop 1' will be located on the western side of the road at the current stop C, which is outside McDonald's.

All services that previously stopped at Stops A, B and C will now use Bell Street Stop 1.

The new 'Bell Street Stop 2' will be located on the eastern side of the road at the current stop D, which is outside Friendly Care Chemist.

All services that previously stopped at Stops D and E will now use Bell Street Stop 2.

Current stops	New stop	Routes affected
A, B, C	Bell Street Stop 1 (outside McDonald's)	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 510
D, E	Bell Street Stop 2 (outside Friendly Care Chemist)	506, 507, 508, 509, 515, 516, 517, 527, 529

Ms Nolan said the changes would assist to ensure a fast, frequent and reliable public transport system for Ipswich residents.

“Temporary signage will be installed along Bell Street to help people find their new bus stop prior to the changes occurring,” Ms Nolan said.

“Helping Hands’ staff will also be on-site for the first few days to assist passengers with the journey and hand out information flyers containing the new stop details.”

Ms Nolan said that she expected that the more efficient and less confusing bus stops would improve the amenity of Bell Street.

“Bell Street is a Council street and in addition to this change I am aware that to their credit Council are planning street scaping work to commence shortly.”

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