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**Time for Minister Bailey to get on the bus and deliver public transport for Palmview**

State MP Brent Mickelberg has today called on the State Labor Government to get on with the job of providing adequate public transport to residents in the new suburb Harmony in Palmview.

“Despite thousands of young families and retirees moving to the area in recent years, Palmview residents still don’t have access to a local bus service”.

“Numerous families are currently finding themselves in the position of having to privately transport their children to local schools because basic school bus services are not available”.

“No buses to get to the doctors or to slip down to the shops to get some groceries. It’s simply not good enough”.

“With the population growth we are experiencing and the consequent increase in higher density housing, adequate public transport is more important than ever. The design of new estates across the Sunshine Coast is predicated on the provision of adequate public transport services”.

Local resident and mum of three, Shirley Scott said “The lack of public transport services is greatly impacting on our family as we have to pay for Ubers or a taxi”.

“My daughter returns to university at the end of the month which means further travel costs on my one income family”.

“I have been patient and realise that things take time but there has been an announcement that the public state school is forecast to open in 2021” Ms Scott said.

“Peter Crosby Way will be a car park at school time and a very unsafe option for children”.

“The lack of public transport to the estate requires more people to use private vehicles which affects the surrounding suburbs particularly at peak times”.

“Both public transport and school bus services are vital for public safety and sustainability into the future” Ms Scott said.

Mr Mickelberg said “It’s time for government at all levels of work together and deliver urban and school bus services to support the residents of Palmview”.

“I have today again raised this issue with the Minister for Transport and Main Roads, Mark Bailey and asked him to advise when services will commence. There have been too many delays and our local residents deserve better” Mr Mickelberg said.

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