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Dear Mr Berkman

Thank you for your letter on behalf of your constituents, about station accessibility in the electorate of Maiwar and across Queensland. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing accessible, safe and reliable public transport for Queenslanders. The government has injected a further \$80 million to ensure the continued delivery of Queensland Rail's Station Accessibility Upgrade Program over the next five years. The now \$300 million Station Accessibility Upgrade Program is a rolling program of works to upgrade stations on the South East Queensland (SEQ) network.

With 152 stations in the SEQ network, the prioritisation of accessibility upgrades is determined by balancing a range of factors such as patronage, current levels of access, intermodal interchange facilities, projected population growth, nearby community facilities, businesses and other local attractions.

I am pleased to advise that Auchenflower station has been identified for a station access upgrade under this program. Planning work is already underway for Auchenflower station, with artists' impressions released for customer feedback and a tender was issued in June for the station design.

The scope of the upgrade is still under development. However, independent accessibility will likely include elements of the following:

- lift installation
- upgrade of accessible parking bays
- provision of a hearing loop at the assistance boarding point on platforms
- unisex accessible toilet
- upgraded lighting and CCTV where impacted by the works
- provision of signage and upgrades to audible and visual information
- installation of tactile ground surface indicators for people with a vision impairment
- partial platform raising (middle of the platform/assisted boarding point).

This upgrade will deliver a primary accessible path of travel through the Auchenflower station precinct. This accessible path is critical in ensuring that passengers are able to safely and independently use Queensland Rail services, including people who use mobility aids, seniors and people with luggage and prams.

Along with Auchenflower station, works have commenced to upgrade Morayfield, Boondall and Strathpine stations and planning and design work is underway at Buranda, Albion, Loganlea, Cannon Hill, East Ipswich, Fairfield and Dakabin stations. Queensland Rail will continue to work closely with its accessibility reference group to ensure the scope of these station upgrades reflect customers' needs.

The upgrade of these additional stations will increase the number of independently accessible stations on the Citytrain network from 80 to 91, which means that about 83 per cent of Queensland Rail's passengers will travel to and from accessible stations, once these projects are complete.

With respect to Taringa station, I am advised that it is currently classified as a 'Limited Access' station, due to the footbridge and subway having stair-only access to and between platforms. Due to these access limitations, Taringa station will be reviewed as part of the prioritisation process for all remaining stations. Nearby community facilities, patronage and the status of adjacent stations will be carefully considered.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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