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The Hon. Gabrielle Williams
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Dear Minister,

RE: Inadequate frequency of 508 bus weekend services and broader need for better bus services in Melbourne's northern suburbs

I am writing on behalf of a Brunswick constituent who contacted my office about the inadequate weekend services currently offered by the 508 bus route. This bus route is an important service used by older locals, students and other community members to access key destinations in Melbourne's northern suburbs.

The 508 bus provides a direct connection to the Mernda train line, the Upfield train line and Sydney road. Currently, the bus service operates approximately every 20 minutes on weekdays and every 40-60 minutes on weekends. As a busy route, the 508 bus would better service the local community if the weekend frequency was increased.

Additionally, the constituent raised concerns about the broader need for better bus services in Melbourne's northern suburbs. I note that the Department of Transport led a consultation about reform to bus services in Melbourne's north in late 2022. Given the continuing concerns that the current bus network is inadequate and does not meet demand, further action should be taken to improve bus services in these areas.

I kindly request that you consider increasing the frequency of 508 bus services on the weekend and implement further reform to ensure bus services in Melbourne's northern suburbs meet the needs of the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter and I am happy to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tim Read'.

Dr Tim Read
State Member for Brunswick