



Queensland Bus Industry Council Inc.

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Bus industry applauds BCC new initiatives

The peak body representing Queensland's bus industry says Brisbane City Council's plan to form a transport alliance with the State Government and bus operators is a major step to improving the transport network.

Queensland Bus Industry Council (QBIC) has welcomed Council's announcement that it plans to work with TransLink and industry stakeholders to review the network as part of a new ten point plan aimed at increasing bus patronage.

QBIC executive director David Tape said the aims contained in Council's proposed plan are firmly aligned with QBIC's 2016 blueprint for the future, 'Moving People Queensland'.

"Progressive reviews of the city's bus networks as well as route simplification are crucial in planning ahead and ensuring our buses operate at full capacity and in the right regions."

"By working as an alliance, the bus industry will be able to deliver a fast, reliable, efficient, and accessible transport network with the ultimate aim of relieving congestion on the south-east's clogged arterial roads."

Mr Tape also applauded the Council's commitment to retain a high quality bus workforce through the maintenance of above industry standard employment conditions.

"Our drivers are the single most important link to providing a safe and efficient bus service which must not be compromised in the battle to increase passenger numbers."

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