



Queensland Bus Industry Council Inc.

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Bus Contract Negotiations Suspended

The Queensland Bus Industry Council (QBIC) welcomes the announcement and commends the Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games Stirling Hinchliffe for his action.

Suspending the procurement process and conducting a review will quickly and clearly identify how to get the process in line with the Government's commitment to negotiated contracts.

QBIC will open its doors to the review to again demonstrate to Government its commitment to work in a true partnership to deliver contracts that are sustainable long term for all key stakeholders, contracts that deliver efficiencies and better outcomes for our passengers, said QBIC Executive Director David Tape.

We need to have open and frank dialogue with the State to deliver the outcomes the Minister is seeking, outcomes that we as an Industry believe are achievable through a true partnership arrangement, we cannot be prevented from engaging with our staff, they deserve to be part of the journey, said Tape.

QBIC will embrace a return to a negotiated process at the completion of the review, however, negotiation must be based and founded in the spirit of open, transparent and two way communication.

The Palaszczuk government gave a very clear commitment to QBIC both before and after the election that contracts would be delivered through a negotiated contract process with Industry and incumbent Operators, we thank the Minister for standing true on this commitment, Tape said.

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