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## **Media Release**

### **Bus operators welcome election policies**

Election promises made by the major political parties to address increasing traffic congestion problems, particularly in the state's southeast, have been welcomed by the Queensland Bus Industry Council (QBIC), the peak body representing bus and coach operators.

The Council is encouraged that the ALP and LNP have made commitments to improve public transport.

"We work closely with both parties and we'll continue to do so with whoever gets in to focus on the needs of the traveling public and our membership," said QBIC president Rolf Mitchell.

"Both parties are aware of our Moving People Queensland document which outlines a strategy to reduce congestion.

"It's a long-term blueprint for future transport needs that we believe will be relevant for the new government."

Mr Mitchell noted that between them the two parties have announced policies to integrate bus services, trains, local roads and cycle ways, as well as expand bus services and boost busway capacity, and invest in projects that prioritise buses to reduce travel times during peak hours.

"In the end, better public transport that is more reliable, safe and convenient is good for everyone," he said.

"To reduce congestion on our streets we need a more efficient people moving system using buses at its core."