



Queensland Bus Industry Council Inc.

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## Media Statement

### **BUS INDUSTRY BLUEPRINT CALLS FOR MORE COLLABORATION AS QLD POPULATION GROWS**

The peak body representing Queensland's bus and coach operators today released its blueprint to deal effectively with the state's future transport needs. The blueprint will also be presented to the Hon Mark Bailey, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, and Mr Steven Minnikin, Shadow Minister for Transport and Main Roads.

The blueprint by the Queensland Bus Industry Council (QBIC) calls for greater consultation between governments and the industry, said Executive Director David Tape.

"We've seen town planning with no prior transport planning, a lack of bus infrastructure that results in traffic congestion, over many years.

"We must work smarter as the population grows, and we are looking forward to working with Minister Bailey who we believe is seeking further improvements in the future," he said.

The QBIC blueprint highlights the enormous importance of buses, which carried around 64 per cent of all passengers on the state's public transport network last financial year, equating to around 128 million separate trips.

"The Queensland Treasury's own advice is that there needs to be more investment in transport infrastructure to support the increased population base," Mr Tape revealed.

"The bus industry are the experts. We employ thousands of people and we keep the state moving, including taking over 150,000 precious children to and from school every day.

QBIC has been operating for 20 years and understands the direction local and state governments must take, he said.

"Today this blueprint document provides us with an opportunity to refresh our vision, focus and direction as we "Move Forward Together" with our Members, Government, DTMR and our Communities".

***To obtain a copy of the QBIC blueprint please email [manager@qbic.com.au](mailto:manager@qbic.com.au)***

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***About Queensland Bus Industry Council (QBIC)***

*The Queensland Bus Industry Council (QBIC) is the peak state industry body representing bus and coach operators in Queensland. QBIC represents all sectors, commercial, school, long distance, tour and charter.*