



Craig Ondarchie MP

State Member for the Northern Metropolitan Region



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Dear Ms Horner,

Thank you for your letter dated 24 November 2011 regarding bus problems in Epping North. I have been in contact with the Department of Transport about your concerns.

The Department has informed me that it is continuing to plan for increased bus trips and frequencies in growth areas such as Epping North. Service increases in Epping North will be considered for funding in a future program.

Further, connectivity between buses and trains at Epping railway station has improved since the opening of the new station as part of the South Morang electrification project. The new modal interchange at Epping facilitates a much more seamless transfer between buses and trains than the previous arrangements on Cooper Street.

In response to your concerns, bus operators have been asked to monitor connections between buses and trains at Epping. Bus and train connections will be further enhanced in a new train timetable scheduled to be introduced in the first half of 2012 when the South Morang extension is completed.

Please feel free to contact my office if I can assist further – I'd be delighted to attend a meeting of the association at a mutually convenient time. Again, thank you for your letter.

Yours sincerely,

CRAIG ONDARCHIE MP
Member of the Legislative Council
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