13 September 2022

The Hon Mark Bailey MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads
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Dear Minister

Thank you for office's response to our 4 July 2022 email and facilitating a meeting between Business South Bank's (BSB) CEO, Janine Watson, and Senior Policy Advisor, Stuart Stark.

We were delighted to be advised that fare gates would be installed on the outbound platform of the South Bank train station as part of (or just after) the upgrade of the station.

In addition to the fare gates, the outbound platform would be staffed with a Qld Rail employee.

We noted that no plans were in place for the fare gates on the inbound platform.

At the meeting, Ms Watson also pointed out BSB's concern in relation to impact of the, recently announced, changes to the Qld train network, in particular losing the direct connection of the airport train to the South Bank and South Brisbane stations.

We understand from the operators of the airport train, that these two stations are the centrepiece of their timetable due to the enormous pull of the convention centre and hotels located in the precinct.

We would be grateful if some consideration be given to adding additional services through South Bank and South Brisbane Station once Cross River Rail network is operational.

Finally, we would like to extend an invitation to you to be our guest at a CEO Boardroom lunch in early 2023. Over the years we have been delighted to be joined by numerous of your fellow Ministerial colleagues and would be honoured if you could join us in the new year.

Please feel free to have your office to contact Janine Watson on 3846 5191, who will assist in the arrangements.

Yours sincerely

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Chair