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Crisafulli Government leaves Ipswich waiting for Bus Service Boost

Ipswich Labor MPs have slammed the Crisafulli Government for dragging the chain on critical new, fully funded buses to better connect Redbank, Goodna, Springfield and Ipswich.

The previous Miles Labor Government committed to a three-year bus improvement package starting in 2025.

Stage One, due to commence this year included four new routes with two new services operating every 15 minutes at peak commute times:

- o route 501 between Springfield and Ipswich
- o route 520 between Goodna station and Eden's Crossing
- o route 522 between Redbank station and Springfield Central station, and
- o route 523 between Redbank Plains and Augustine Heights.

Under questioning from local Ipswich Labor MPs in Parliament about the start dates for the new bus routes and timetables, the Crisafulli Government was unable or unwilling to provide even the most basic details which should have been available if any meaningful planning had been done.

Instead, the LNP Transport Minister offered only a vague response that the routes are still in the "planning stage" with no timeframe given for when local commuters can expect improved services.

This lack of detail and refusal to answer basic, reasonable questions shows a worrying lack of urgency and transparency.

Despite repeated calls for clarity, there is still no timeline, no confirmed levels of service, and no evidence of genuine progress.

Quotes attributable to Bundamba MP Lance McCallum:

"Our community deserves to know when our new buses will start and how often they will run.

"Instead of getting on with the job, the LNP are giving excuses.

"It was only after pressure from local Labor MPs that the tenders were opened for the new routes a few weeks ago.

"Due to the Government dragging the chain we may be waiting for some time before our new services are up and running."

"We want to see more locals saving money with Labor's 50 cent fares on public transport as soon as possible.

Quotes attributable to Ipswich MP Jennifer Howard:

“This is just another example of the Crisafulli Government making promises but failing to back them up with action.”

“Ipswich residents deserve more than delays and deflection—they deserve better public transport right now.”

Quotes attributable to Jordan MP Charis Mullen:

“A direct bus route between Springfield and Ipswich has been strongly supported by our communities. The LNP Government must come clean with a firm timeline.

“These bus routes have been in the works since before the election, but under the LNP our bus boost has all but vanished.

“Our community deserves better.

Quotes attributable to Ipswich West MP Wendy Bourne:

“This government talks a big game but when it comes to delivery, it’s all delay and no detail.”

“Labor was busy planning this bus expansion — the LNP needs to get on with the job and deliver it urgently.”

“The LNP snubbed Ipswich in their Olympic plan and now they are putting us at the bottom of the priority list again.”

Background

Question on Notice -

<https://documents.parliament.qld.gov.au/tableoffice/questionsanswers/2025/33-2025.pdf>

Miles Government Announcement – <https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/101481>

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