

## **Amended speech on the cessation of the #234 bus service delivered on Tuesday 22 February**

Thank you Madam Chair I was glad I was recognised to speak.

Madam Chair, very quickly I wish to draw to the Council Chamber's attention an email I received earlier today. It was from a resident who lives at 1 Holman Street, Kangaroo Point. He went to catch the new bus service - the #234 service between Kangaroo Point and the CBD today. It is a service that was installed post January floods so residents of Kangaroo Point could travel to the city.

The resident waited and the bus didn't come. He continued to wait until the next bus should have come and again it didn't come. He then rang TransLink to be informed that the bus service had been discontinued the day before.

Understandably, he was furious. There was no sign at the bus stop. There was no sign on previous days. There was no warning whatsoever yet I am told by residents this service was well used by the Kangaroo Point residents.

Now before Councillors on the other side of the Council Chamber jump to their feet and say this is a TransLink service, and it is, I wish to point out it is a TransLink plus Council service when it came to the decision to commence the service initially.

Councillor de WIT has taken the credit for this service, and I have given Councillor de WIT the credit for delivering this service. It was introduced because the Kangaroo Point community mobilised very quickly as they knew they needed that service. I congratulate that community for their speedy and successful action.

It is a shame that Councillor de WIT is not in the Chamber, but it rests on her shoulders the failure to communicate the removal of this service if that was the decision. This decision was made without any input from the Kangaroo Point community.

Apparently to know whether this service continued it was necessary to ring up or contact TransLink's website before you travelled just to confirm the service was still operating. Well that was the advice given to the resident waiting at the bus stop. So you could imagine how furious he was to receive that information?

It is regrettable that a good public transport service has now, in its implementation, failed and failed miserably. That is what we're beginning to expect all the time from the Liberal National Party.

Councillors, they just can't follow through with any new project and our residents are suffering as a consequence.

I do not expect a resumption of this service but I would expect the courtesy to be able to advise residents that it was cancelled and provide several days of warning notice.