

Using the Federal DDA (1992) and NDIS Act (2013) and Disability Standard for Accessible Public Transport (2002) to get an inclusive Translink bus service on Macleay Island. Organiser: Melanie Lynch

The story so far:

Nov. 14, 2025 Nov. 18, 2025	110 letters signed by Macleay Island residents were sent to Hon. Brent Mickelberg, Minister TMR; with Ccs going to Rebecca Young, MP, Shane Rendalls, Div. 5 Councillor RCC; and Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission, Rosemary Kayees. All parties have acknowledged receipt of these letters to Melanie Lynch, the organiser of this campaign, but no further information has been forthcoming.
Nov. 21, 2025	Opened a Qld Parliament epetition for ALL RESIDENTS OF QLD to be able to sign to support the initiative of establishing an inclusive Translink Service on Macleay Island. Petition will close 27 Feb. 2026. Currently 669 signatories to epetition (07 Dec.)
Nov. 24, 2025	Organise media coverage in Redland Bayside News with article "Macleay Island residents say they are being "stranded" as petition demands inclusive Translink bus service".
Nov. 24 - current	Promotion of epetition through every disability network in Qld to encourage support to boost numbers signing epetition.
Dec. 03, 2026	Wrote to the Hon. A. Camm, Queensland Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and MP representing the Whitsunday Island to garner support for this campaign.

Next moves:

Jan. 08 2026	Receive response from Minister for MR to the 110 letters sent to him requesting that TMR install an effective and efficient inclusive Bus Service in to Macleay Island.
From Jan. 2026	If positive response is received, then affected M.I. residents will be able to consult on co-design of the service with Translink and appropriate working committees as directed by the Minister TMR. Community groups on the island might assist in <u>organising community consultation</u> with the affected group (Disabled, those with chronic health conditions, the aged, and their carers)
From Jan. 2026	If negative response is received then legal support from a disability advocacy association (which I have already contacted and are in the loop) will be sourced and move forward, working with them, to submit a breach of the 2 Acts and the standards abovementioned, through the Disability Discrimination Commissioner, AHRC, against the Qld Government. Should this be the case, and success in having the breaches upheld, and the QG/Minister of TMR has to agree to a Translink Service, then carry out the positive response step above.

Sign the e-petition here: <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Work-of-the-Assembly/Petitions/petition-details/4335-25>

Read the Redland Bayside News article here:

<https://redlandbaysidenews.com.au/macleay-island-residents-say-they-are-being-stranded-as-petition-demands-inclusive-translink-bus-service/>