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Dear Hon Peter Foster MLC

## Petition - Bullsbrook bus services

I write in support of the petition presented by Hon Donna Faragher MLC to the Legislative Council on 24 June 2021, requesting an increase in bus services for the Bullsbrook community within the City of Swan. I write in my capacity as Shadow Minister for Transport and the Member for Moore. Those of my constituents who live in Lower Chittering are located just 10 kilometres from Bullsbrook and the town serves as an important service centre for these residents.

The population of Bullsbrook was projected to be 6,322 persons in 2021, growing to 9,119 in 2026 and 13,628 in 2031, with the corresponding number of dwellings doubling in that 10 year timeframe. The 2016 census indicated that 75 percent of households in the Bullsbrook area were family households.

To the north of Bullsbrook, the peri-urban Chittering Shire continues to experience rapid growth as residents opt for a semi-rural lifestyle and enjoy improved access to the Perth metropolitan area via the new Tonkin Highway extension. The Shire's population is projected to increase 48 percent in the 10 years to 2026.

Currently the 311 Transperth bus service travels between Bullsbrook and Midland and local residents advise that the service is not well supported as it is not reliable. Bullsbrook residents have indicated their preference to travel to Ellenbrook for retail, educational, entertainment and medical services. The distance from Bullsbrook to Midland is 27 kilometres, compared to the distance to Ellenbrook from Bullsbrook which is 16 kilometres.

Ellenbrook will becoming increasingly important with the construction of the Morley - Ellenbrook rail line within the Metronet network. A regular bus service linking Bullsbrook to

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Ellenbrook will provide residents with reliable access to the Ellenbrook town centre and the Metronet train network. I urge the PTA to review bus services to and from Bullsbrook and to consider a regular bus service to Ellenbrook.

Yours sincerely

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