

MEDIA STATEMENT



Joint Media Release by Dr Mike Nahan, Member for Riverton and Hon Christian Porter, Member for Bateman

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New 205 Bus Route Changes a Boon for Local Seniors

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton and Hon Christian Porter, the Member for Bateman have welcomed the Minister for Transport's decision to deviate the 205 bus route to allow seniors from several of retirement villages in Shelley and Rossmoyne to catch the bus.

"The new bus route should be very popular with the residents from Tuscan Village and Freeman Nursing Home in Rossmoyne, and the Thomas Perrott and Margaret Hubery retirement villages in Shelley," said Dr Nahan.

"The new service starts on Monday 23 November and will provide good access for the seniors to the Cannington and Bull Creek Train Stations, to Carousel and Garden City Shopping Centres and the very popular Herald Avenue Senior Citizens Centre in Willetton."

Mr Porter and Dr Nahan said the changes follow on from their successful negotiations to have the 205 bus reinstated in April this year after Labor terminated the service when the Mandurah train line opened.

"Since the 205 bus was reinstated earlier this year, Dr Nahan and I have received numerous enquiries from seniors in the Rossmoyne and Shelley areas calling for the bus route to be altered to go through their area," said Mr Porter.

"Local seniors have raised legitimate concerns about the fact that it was a long walk to the 205 bus route and that they experienced difficulties in attempting to safely cross Leach Highway to catch the bus."

"Both the Member for Riverton and I successfully lobbied the Transport Minister Simon O'Brien to have the route deviate closer to these retirement villages. The new changes will provide seniors with better access to local community facilities and allow them to fully participate within our community rather than being prisoners in their own homes."

"With greater accessibility, more seniors will be able to take advantage of the free off-peak public transportation provided by the State Government."

Dr Nahan said the new route would deviate off Leach Highway and go along Fifth Avenue, Tuscan Street, Fourth Avenue, Central Road, Third Avenue, Wilber Street, First Avenue, Bull Creek Road and Webb Street before rejoining Leach Highway, with the return journey following the route in reverse order.

"The new route will be of enormous benefit to the seniors who live in those retirement villages. I'm very pleased to have worked with the Member for Bateman to secure such a good outcome on behalf of the local community," said Dr Nahan.

New Timetables and Route Maps are available from Dr Nahan's office on 9457 1282 or from Christian Porter's office on 9316 0666.

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