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SECRETARY PETER BIAGINI

## BUS DRIVERS SUSPEND MONTHLY PROTESTS TO FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS

**29 SEPTEMBER:** *Bus drivers in South-East Queensland today announced a suspension of monthly pickets outside TransLink headquarters, citing the sensitivity of negotiations with Sunshine Coast operator Sunbus.*

Sunbus drivers yesterday endorsed a key component of the enterprise bargaining agreement, and final resolution of the document is expected to take place within weeks.

“Drivers believe a protest this month would not be appropriate while significant progress has been made on the Sunshine Coast,” TWU Secretary Peter Biagini said.

“This break-through has been a long time coming — nearly 18 months.

“The fight against TransLink will continue, because of its systemic failures.

“Disastrous contracting of services — which has led to unsafe work, low pay, and poor employment conditions — is part of those failures, but there is much more to our broken public transport system.

“Services are inadequate, communities are voiceless, infrastructure is poor.

“This isn’t rocket science, but we’ve seen TransLink incapable of providing Queensland families with decent public transport.

“TransLink’s appalling mismanagement is messing with our lives daily, and holding our great state back.

“This fight won’t end until the situation is remedied.”

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