

My name is Ann Harris and I have a vision impairment which requires me to seek public transport. I have lived in Cairns in a high end lifestyle Village for 18 months. We were advised that there would be access to public bus services by hailing the bus on the road which is very close to us. As there is no bus stop on either side of the road I have been advised by transport that I will need to take a 1 km walk for a bus to the city or to the nearest shopping centre .I have requested bus stops to be reinstalled on either side of the main road adjacent to our village .I feel that this could be done with very little effort .

I have been advised that a bus stop will be provided at some stage after the development of a new road. This is to take at least five years.

I feel that the owners of lifestyle Villages such as these should have arrangements for transport in place at the time of releasing new such developments. We presently have over 70 buildings in our community.

Most residents are in their 60s and 70s.