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Hon Michael Sutherland MLA
Member for Mount Lawley
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Dear Mr Sutherland

Thank you for raising the issue of the potential closures of Meltham and Mount Lawley Train Stations.

The Liberal-National Government has recently invested in upgrades to Mt Lawley and Meltham Stations at a cost of approximately \$2 million each. I can assure you the Government has no plans to close either station, particularly given our recent investment.

The Public Transport Authority (PTA) are engaging with local governments, at an early stage, on the *Station Access Strategies* and has stressed that there is no commitment to timing or proposal on which stations may be closed, if any, as part of this strategy.

Ongoing engagement with local governments is an important part of PTA's responsibility in developing initiatives to meet the communities public transport needs for the next 30 to 50 years. It is disappointing that members of the opposition are using this appropriate engagement to create unnecessary fear about potential train station closures in your community.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to allay your concerns.

Yours sincerely

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MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT; TRANSPORT; INNOVATION

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