







Public Transport Fares Advisory Panel – Panel Member Bios

Name	Background
<p>Paul Low (Panel Chair) National Partner, KPMG Brisbane</p> 	<p>Mr Paul Low has been appointed as Chair of the Panel due to his expertise in strategic planning, transport policy and economics substantially in Queensland.</p> <p>Paul Low is the lead partner in KPMG's National Infrastructure, Government and Healthcare industry group. Paul is also KPMG's Lead Partner for the Queensland Government.</p> <p>Prior to KPMG, Paul gained 20 years' experience working within State and local governments across Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia, driving initiatives in transport and infrastructure policy and planning and economic development. Alongside experience in senior roles within the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Paul served as Chief Executive Officer of Growth Management Queensland, leading the implementation of the Queensland Government's response to the Premier's Growth Management Summit held in March 2010.</p> <p>With strong skills in strategic planning, public policy and regulatory change, economics and stakeholder engagement, Paul has a keen interest in public sector reform and the transformation of cities and regions through leveraging infrastructure, better land use and transport integration and economic diversification.</p>
<p>Associate Professor Matthew Burke Griffith University, Brisbane</p> 	<p>Associate Professor Matthew Burke brings to the Panel expertise in travel behaviour; public transport; and skills in transport modelling and transport planning.</p> <p>Matt leads the transport research team at Griffith University's Cities Research Institute. He is currently leading a large Australian Research Council Linkage Project on the funding and financing of public transport infrastructure in Australia. Matt was an active and constructive contributor to the SEQ Fares Review Taskforce in 2015.</p> <p>Matt is a member of key international bodies studying advances in light rail and ferry transportation and that promote Australian transport research and innovation. He is currently supervising a set of PhD research projects that seek to improve Queensland's transport systems. This includes projects on demand-responsive transit and on improved modelling approaches for large transport models.</p>

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<p>Gail Ker OAM, DUniv CEO, Access Community Services, Logan</p> 	<p>Ms Gail Ker OAM, DUniv provides the Panel with her extensive experience working with community groups in education and advocacy.</p> <p>Over the past 20 years, Gail's vast industry experience and expertise in the Australian multicultural, humanitarian and community sectors has seen her change countless lives for the better.</p> <p>A nationally lauded and award-winning visionary, Gail leads her nearly 300 staff in pursuit of creating social, cultural and economic experiences and opportunities that transform the lives of individuals and communities globally.</p> <p>Renowned for her expertise in innovative service solutions for newly arrived migrants and humanitarian entrants, Gail is a recognised thought-leader in needs-based community planning, innovative business models, social cohesion, strategic partnerships, employment pathways and strategic direction. Under her leadership, Access Community Services has grown into one of Australia's leading organisations in the provision of settlement, employment, training, youth-support, housing and social enterprise services for migrants, refugees and Australian-born clients.</p> <p>Working at the cutting edge of policy and sector engagement, Gail's knowledge is actively sought by politicians, industry leaders and research bodies, nationally and internationally.</p>
<p>Blaise Itabelo International and Community Development Specialist</p> 	<p>Mr Blaise Itabelo brings a community perspective to the Public Transport Fares Advisory Panel, with a focus on disadvantaged groups and accessibility to services.</p> <p>Blaise has experience in the not-for-profit sector in both international and local roles. In his current role as Community Development and Engagement Manager for Access Community Services, Blaise focuses on bringing cultural groups together to create a cohesive community.</p> <p>Blaise is also the Principal Migration Agent of Okapi Migration Services as well as International Aid and Development Consultant.</p> <p>As part of his community development role, Blaise supports a network of ethnic community leaders through the Community Leader's Connect Network, which was formed to build stronger relationships between communities and community leaders to collectively identify and address issues through the sharing of skills, knowledge and experiences and to act as a strong support network for community in Logan, Ipswich and Gold Coast.</p> <p>Blaise is a public transport enthusiast and co-chairs the Logan Police Ethnic Advisory Group and is a Community Engagement Advisory Group member for Logan Hospital, in addition to various community volunteer roles.</p>

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<p>Julie Castle Managing Director, Struber Brisbane</p> 	<p>Ms Julie Castle brings her expertise in stakeholder engagement to the Panel and has a passion for ensuring communities form part of the decision-making process.</p> <p>Julie is Managing Director of marketing and communications firm Struber. She leads a taskforce of consultants that provide communication, engagement and marketing services to the infrastructure, construction, government, resources and energy sectors. Julie has advised, consulted and fulfilled in-house roles on over 70 major infrastructure projects, worth over \$25 billion, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 Commonwealth Games • Canberra Light Rail • Gold Coast Light Rail • Sydney Light Rail • Gateway Motorway • Brisbane Busways • Crossrail (London) • Surat, Bowen and Galilee Basin Rail Corridors <p>Julie specialises in minimising risks by engaging, communicating, and negotiating with stakeholders to achieve the best outcomes. She enhances reputations and brands through communications and marketing to generate a positive image and has a passion for ensuring communities form part of the decision-making process.</p>
<p>Adrienne Ward Business owner and consultant Gladstone</p> 	<p>Ms Adrienne Ward's experience on other boards for community groups and corporations will benefit the Panel. Ms Ward has a background in corporate and government strategy in state and national roles.</p> <p>Adrienne has an extensive background in corporate and government strategy, as well as working in high-risk and dynamic environments. Along with her husband, she currently owns a number of businesses in Gladstone and has previously worked in state and national roles within organisations such as Accenture, Westpac Banking Corporation and Leighton Contractors.</p> <p>Adrienne is a passionate advocate and contributor to both Gladstone and Queensland. Her current roles include Chairman, Gladstone Airport Corporation; Non-Executive Director, Gladstone Ports Corporation; Committee Member of the Regional Arts Development Fund Gladstone and Ambassador for the Women in Business Awards of Australia.</p> <p>Adrienne is a former Telstra Business Woman of the Year and was also awarded The Centenary Medal in 2003 for distinguished service and achievement in business and commerce.</p>