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Call for further improvements to Gawler Railway Station

Light MP Mr Tony Piccolo has called for further improvements to the Gawler Railway Station as part of the current upgrade program.

Mr Piccolo said while the improvements to the car parking were welcome he had received feedback from the community that there were other things that could be done to provide greater comfort for train users.

At a recent community forum convened by Mr Piccolo representatives from seniors groups said that the station could be improved by reducing the step up gap on the centre platform and the provision of disability friendly toilets.

In correspondence to the Transport Minister, Mr Piccolo wrote that "Given that the introduction of free transport to seniors between the hours of 9.01 -3:00pm weekdays and all weekends there is likely to be an increase in the usage of trains by them."

Mr Piccolo said the lack of a disability friendly toilet and the huge step down between the carriages and the centre platform were seen as detracting significantly from the good work the government was doing to improve public transport access to seniors in our community.

"The step down gap is a particularly problem for people with disabilities, infirm aged, and parents with young children and strollers/prams."

Mr Piccolo told the Transport Minister preliminary enquiries by my office indicate these two matters are not at the moment included in the current redevelopment project.

"I would be very grateful if their inclusion could be considered as they have been highlighted by seniors in my community as important to them as users of public transport."

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