Buses will not stop for Adele

BRISBANE Lord Mayor Graham Quirk is confident there will be no impact on bus commuters next Monday after the massive Adele concerts.

Fears were raised last week that concertgoers might have to allow three hours to ensure they arrived for the singer's weekend shows at 7.30pm.

Sellout crowds of 60,000 meant the city's public transport system would struggle to ship audiences to the Gabba. The venue is designed to cope with up to 42,000 people.

To service the biggest music event in Queensland's history, council has asked drivers to work at the weekend. But there were concerns it could affect operations on Monday because drivers require a 10-hour break between shifts. "My expectation is that commuters will not experience impacts as a consequence of the Adele concerts," Cr Quirk said

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Rugby star on charges for cocaine

RUGBY bad boys James O'Connor and Ali Williams have been formally charged with drug offences after spending a night in Paris police cells.

Former Wallaby star back O'Connor, 26, and former All Black Williams, 35, were released from custody on Sunday night, after being charged over 2.4g of cocaine allegedly purchased outside ritzy Paris nightclub L'arc at 3am on Saturday.

O'Connor, who has lived in France for several years while playing for glamour club Toulon, reportedly will be fined for the lesser charge of possession of cocaine.

Williams will face court at a later date charged with the more serious offence of buying the drug, for about \$250.

Paris police officers allege the incident occurred on a night out when France's Top 14 rugby tournament had a bye weekend.



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