

Inquiry into the Use of School Buses in Rural and Regional Victoria

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Organisation Name:

Your position or role:

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

1. Offer "unused" seats to members of the community.
2. Order of priority e.g. elderly, unlicensed, medical appointments, wellbeing activities and such.
3. Phone to book by certain date/time
4. Utilize the 'school run' bus in both directions, at both morning and afternoon.
5. Offer a number of regular routes throughout the day - during the week. i.e. Monday to railway station. Tuesday to cinema or nearby swimming pool. Wednesday to Probus/other meeting. Thursday to shopping centre. Friday to medical centre/hospital.
6. Appointments/arrangements could be made in advance, for the day that coincides with the destinations.
7. Friends or family could plan to meet up which is extremely important for wellbeing.
8. Cost would perhaps reflect current PTV ticket prices. Paying for travel would support valuing the service and respect of the opportunity otherwise denied.
9. Medical Centres would especially become aware of providing appointments, particularly for "out of towners" on said day.
10. Smaller towns that do not have easy access to public transport are greatly disadvantaged. Priority should be given to these more isolated people who are particularly vulnerable.
11. I understand that trials have been held in some regions of Victoria to gauge support for public transport usage. Promotion of any new suggestion or infrastructure would require really good "grass roots" coverage. N.B. Not just an advertisement on Facebook (which is where I happened upon making this submission). Thorough distribution would be mandatory, utilizing local contacts and formats.
12. As you can see, I am passionate about better public transport especially for those in rural communities. I was heavily involved in a campaign diverting the V/line coach, between Geelong and Apollo Bay (along the Great Ocean Road), to Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre (hopefully directly to Waurn Ponds Railway Station, along Anglesea Road, in the near future).

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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Signature:

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