

## 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:**

My daughters attend St Augustine's in Kyabram, my eldest is grade 6 and youngest is grade 3. We previously lived in Kyabram, where my eldest started school and moved to Harston where a bus was available to the school. Naturally my youngest followed her sister. Do to unforeseen circumstances we were made homeless and had no other option but to live in Tatura with my family. As my girls were loving at Augustine's and the programs/education they provide, with the possibility of moving back to Kyabram I left at the school. When I enquired about a bus I was told the only option from Tatura was a public vline service. The vline service would take my children to the Transit centre in Kyabram which is down the Main Street of Kyabram. My 9 and 12 year old children would have to walk the Main Street during the peak hour of traffic crossing major roads on the way to school. There is only one pedestrian crossing they can use and the crossing supervised in front of their school. Still they have to cross two more major roads on their own. If something happens to my children on the way to school there is no way of contacting me and no one to supervise and take responsibility for them. If I place them on the vline service they have to make the bus by set times and if they miss it there is no way they can contact me and no family they can go to. With the current situation at the Greater Shepparton School the Notre Dame College in Shepparton has restricted their enrolments, so there is no guarantee I can get my oldest a place at the catholic school. Shepparton is 30minutes from Tatura and Kyabram is only roughly 20min so in terms of closest High Schools, Kyabram is closer yet here in Tatura we are zoned for Shepparton. With access to a Kyabram bus in Tatura it will ease the pressure on the Shepparton schools and provide more opportunities for families to work closer to home in these smaller towns.

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**  
**File2:**  
**File3:**

**Signature:**  
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