

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

Organisation Name:
Your position or role:

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

I would like to highlight the dangerous precedent allowing public to access school buses has on child safe regulations, privacy and security.

Child safe: you are suggesting that any member of the public will be boarding buses that currently unsupervised students aged between 6 and 18 are using. This will break current child safe regulations as these students are unsupervised. Will these buses be supervised? Will the public have working on with children checks? Without these basic measures then you cannot possibly use the school bus service for public and guarantee children's safety.

Privacy: country school buses are different to the City. They will drop and pick up from isolated locations and or directly from the front of someone's property. This then will lead to individuals of the public to know these details.

Security:

School buses start and or terminate on school grounds. General public would need to sign into school to catch a bus as well as cause extra work on school staff who supervise bus loops and bus exchange areas as well as admin staff.

Lots of these buses are full or close to full capacity. To ensure all students had a seat and access to the service to get to school, multiple services along each route would need to occur or a booking system introduced to guarantee students this.

Investment needs to occur in regional transport as currently is is a disgrace. As someone who personally lives walking distance to a major regional train station, I find it disgraceful that I need to drive 45 minutes each way to another regional station to catch a return train to the footy because the timetable and infrastructure is so far below standard. Invest in regional and not 5 billion for over budget roads like the Westgate tunnel that save someone 7 minutes commute.

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