

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

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Public transport for anyone in a rural area (i.e. on a farm) is virtually non-existent. It creates issues around affordability (needing to maintain multiple cars in case one breaks down) and parking and environmental issues that could be avoided if there were better options. So it would be good if people could access this service if it can be managed safely.

However the main issue in Horsham is those school buses from rural areas need to drop the students in a central location and then pick up students who live in town before all students are taken to their respective schools (and vice versa on the way home). This unfairly adds an extra 20-30 minute on the commute for children who in some cases live >45 minutes from the town and so makes them have an unnecessarily long and exhausting day let alone have time for homework etc. School buses should prioritise transporting children who live further out of town and perhaps students who live in town can wait for a dedicated town transport bus and if it takes an extra 10-15 minutes then that is not a big impost when they live 5 minutes from school and would perhaps encourage more students to ride/walk to school.

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