

I have a son who attends the nearest education support centre in Albany. We live in Denmark 50 km away.

We currently do not catch the bus for the following reasons

1. There is no wheelchair accessible bus doing the route.
2. The bus does not only service the Ed support school but a whole lot of schools. It leaves at 7.15 to allow it to get to all the schools. This early time is unsustainable for a special needs child with complex needs. If it was a dedicated bus it would not need to leave so early. We currently leave about 8am to get to school on time. I believe there is a number of students coming from the town.
3. There is one carer on the bus for all students and I'm concerned should my child require assistance in the trip other students who need help would miss out. I believe the number of carers should be based on needs.
4. My child has uncontrolled epilepsy. It is not an uncommon condition for a child attending Ed support. He may require administration of emergency medication enroute to school. But the school bus service doesn't provide this. It seems to me that providing a service to a special needs school should mean that they can provide this service and have appropriate training to allow this.