

Access to Spurs:

Definition of 'spurs' is flawed. Unsure why my family is a spur and another is on the 'route'. Routes are determined by an external person, usually based on historical data with little consideration given to future planning. Future planning would incorporate potential student numbers forecasting into the future. Enrolments online are currently limited via birthdate. Yes things change but country areas have some strong stability.

Eligibility Criteria:

We have students that live 4km from town that would benefit from a school bus service. Perhaps they could be complimentary (ie if they fit they can get picked up). This to me would be a good use of resources for our community.

Assessment Process:

As a relatively new parent (oldest student in year 1) I do not feel there is an open transparent assessment or consultation process for route planning.

Where are the routes? Upon enrolment a parent is expected to know the closest stop to them? How is that possible? Can parents see route maps? Is there a School Bus Advisory Committee?

Each individual family can contact School Bus Services via email and I have always felt my questions have been adequately answered. However there is room for improvement. The impact of school buses on our small communities is so dramatic; don't underestimate the positive impact you can have.

Conveyance Allowance

My allowance is measured from my back gate. My residence is a number of km from my back gate.

Policy Review

Congratulations on undertaking this review. I think there is the opportunity to make great positive changes.

Please consider there may be people with great ideas that do not contribute due to the fear of retribution and 'loosing what we have'.