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The Standing Committee on the Environment and Public Affairs

Parliament House

4 Harvest Terrace

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Dear Committee

Re: Petition No. 121 – Additional school bus from Brunswick to Harvey Senior High School

I write to support the petitioners in their request to gain an additional bus service from Brunswick Junction to Australind.

Although Australind Senior High School is the designated catchment school for Brunswick students the travel times are similar from Brunswick Junction to Harvey and Australind despite Australind being geographically closer.

Harvey Senior High School also has much stronger community links to Brunswick, and has more in common. Like Brunswick Junction, the Harvey area is substantially rural, and the two locations enjoy a strong community of interest.

I also consider it advantageous that Harvey Senior High School's student numbers are around 270 compared to the approximately 1,200 in Australind.

I note that there is currently one school bus running between Brunswick Junction and Harvey, so the suggestion that the students go there is not abstract.

However demand far exceeds supply of seats and there is a long waiting list.

I therefore ask you to investigate the possibility of action in this area.

Yours truly

Dr Steve Thomas, MLC

Member for the South West