



Cunderdin District High School Parents & Citizens Association

C/o Cunderdin District High School
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Chairperson
Inquiry on School Bus Operators' Charter Bus Operations
Economic Regulatory Authority
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Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Cunderdin District High School P&C, I would like to make a submission to your inquiry into the School Bus Operators' Charter Bus Operations.

Our small school of just over 140 students uses the local school bus contractors to transport children to and from the town's pool and grassed sporting oval to complete some of their physical education requirements. We do not have these facilities located on our school grounds. We also use these contractors to transport children to a small number of events around our district and to Perth for educational purposes.

There is no doubt that our school bus contractors provide a completely reliable and high quality service to our school at a reasonable price which is essential to ensure that all parents can afford the transport costs to send their children to these essential external events.

I have been told by our principal, Mrs Ilona Jachmann that the three school bus operators in our town are equally offered the opportunity to provide these services to our school.

The number of times that the school uses these school bus contractors' services is small. If a charter bus company were to be used, it would receive only a small fraction of the income that would be required to make a separate "charter bus" business viable, even if "commercial" rates were paid. Other than school requirements there is little need for charter bus services in our Shire, so a charter bus service would be an unviable business.

We need the school bus operators to provide a reasonably priced "charter bus service" in our town, otherwise our children would not be able to attend events that are part of their schooling.

Yours sincerely

Donna Jasper
Secretary
23rd February 2007