

The press release regarding the school bus operators has been forwarded to me by one of our contractors. There is a general concern that this may result in increased costs to our students and their parents if a levy is instigated so that the charter bus operators are not disadvantaged.

My view on this is likely to be shared by many other rural communities. In Merredin, we don't have a series of charter bus companies to access and our school bus operators accommodate our needs where Perth companies could not compare simply because they need to add to the cost the reality of journeying to Merredin with an empty bus in the first place. We are already severely disadvantaged by being located 260 kilometres inland and do not believe that a levy that will result in prices being comparable is reasonable.

Regards

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