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Parents of students using North Motton and Gunns Plains School Buses

Dear Parents,

Proposed Merger of North Motton and Gunns Plains School Buses

The Department of State Growth has responsibility for contracting school bus services across Tasmania. To ensure that the contracted bus services are viable, the Department regularly monitors the passenger numbers on each service.

This review has identified that the passenger numbers on the North Motton and Gunns Plains buses is at a level where it appears possible to operate a single service for this area. Given this, and following discussions with the operator and the school, we are proposing to merge these two services into a single service, commencing at the start of the 2018 school year. Note: The two existing services will continue to operate for the remainder of the 2017 school year.

While the proposal to merge the existing services would mean that some students would have a slightly longer travel time, the longest travel times are still considered reasonable for primary school students.

There may also be some students along Allison Rd, Lowana Rd and Gunns Plains Rd who will need to travel a bit further from their home to the nearest bus stop on the new route. However, if the services are merged into a single service at the end of the year, any parent who has a student living further than five kilometres from the new route, or from the school, is able to apply for Conveyance Allowance. Conveyance Allowance helps families in meeting some of the costs of transporting students to school in a private car.

Attached is a copy of an indicative timetable for the proposed service.

Before a final decision is made in regard to the future of the service, I wish to give all affected parents/students the opportunity to provide feedback. If you wish to provide any comment/feedback please contact me on 6166 3296 by 23rd November 2017.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Kruup
POLICY ANALYST (PROJECT 2018)

9 November 2017

Proposed Timetable – Gunns Plains to Ulverstone (AM)

Stop Location	Estimated Arrival Time
Corner South Riana Road and Gunns Plains Road	7:45
Corner Gunns Plains and Raymond Roads	7:46
477 Gunns Plains Road	7:48
Bannons Bridge	7:50
Corner Gunns Plains and Preston Roads	7:53
Corner Preston and Harveys Roads	7:55
Bretts Rd and Preston Rd	7:55
Church and Preston Rd	7:58
North Motton Hall Preston Road	8:00
Corner Allison and Walkers Roads	8:03
119 Walkers Rd	8:05
990 Manning Jetty Rd	8:00
30 Mannings Jetty Rd	8:06
Gawler Road Gawler Shop	8:10
100 Gawler Road	8:12
Ulverstone Primary School	8:20
Corner James and Leven Streets	8:21
Ulverstone High School	8:22
Ulverstone High School Interchange	8:23
Corner Main Street and Alexandra Road	8:26
Eastland Drive	8:27
Sacred Heart Primary School	8:28
East Ulverstone Primary School	8:29
75 Eastland Drive	8:30

Leighland Avenue	8:31
51 Leighlands Avenue East Ulverstone	8:32
Fieldings Way	8:33
75 Eastland Drive	8:35
Eastland Drive	8:36
46 Heathcote Street	8:37
111 Main Street	8:38
18 McCulloch Street	8:39
3 Barker Street	8:40
19 Barker Street	8:41
2 Archer Street	8:42
27 Clarke Street	8:43
105 Trevor Street	8:44
59 Risby Street	8:45
41 Dunning Street	8:45
Ulverstone High School	8:46
Ulverstone Primary School	8:52

Proposed Timetable – Gunns Plains to Ulverstone (PM)

Stop Location	Estimated Arrival Time
Ulverstone Primary School	3:00
Corner James and Leven Streets	3:01
Ulverstone High School	3:06
41 Dunning Street	3:08
59 Risby Street	3:08
105 Trevor Street	3:09
27 Clarke Street	3:10
2 Archer Street	3:11
19 Barker Street	3:12
3 Barker Street	3:13
18 McCulloch Street	3:14
111 Main Street	3:15
46 Heathcote Street	3:16
Eastland Drive	3:17
75 Eastland Drive	3:18
Fieldings Way	3:20
51 Leighlands Avenue East Ulverstone	3:21
Leighland Avenue	3:22
75 Eastland Drive	3:23
Sacred Heart Primary School	3:24
East Ulverstone Primary School	3:28
Eastland Drive	3:30
Corner Main Street and Alexandra Road	3:31
Ulverstone High School (Front Leven St)	3:34

100 Gawler Road	3:41
Gawler Road Gawler Shop	3:42
30 Mannings Jetty Rd	3:45
990 Mannings Jetty Rd	3:46
119 Walkers Rd	3:47
Corner Allison and Walkers Roads	3:49
North Motton Hall Preston Road	3:51
Church and Preston Rd	3:52
Bretts Rd and Preston Rd	3:54
Corner Preston and Harveys Roads	3:55
Corner Gunns Plains and Preston Roads	3:56
Bannons Bridge	4:00
477 Gunns Plains Road	4:02
Corner Gunns Plains and Raymond Roads	4:04
Corner South Riana Road and Gunns Plains Road	4:05