

BRUNSWICK JUNCTION — SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

Petition

HON DR STEVE THOMAS (South West) [1.03 pm]: I present an e-petition containing eight signatures couched in the following terms —

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled. We the undersigned ...

Say that the students and parents of Brunswick Junction need and deserve an additional school bus service from Brunswick Junction to Harvey Senior High School to provide access for local students. Brunswick Junction is in the catchment area of Australind Senior High School, but travel times are similar from Brunswick Junction to Harvey and Australind despite Australind being geographically closer. Australind Senior High School had a student population of approximately 1,200, whereas Harvey Senior High School's student numbers are around 270. Like Brunswick Junction, the Harvey area is substantially rural, and the two locations enjoy a strong community of interest. We would like to see our students have access to Harvey Senior High School but need an additional bus service to be provided. There is currently one school bus running between Brunswick Junction and Harvey, however demand far exceeds supply of seats and there is a long waiting list. This alone demonstrates the desire and need for an additional bus to be provided to allow Brunswick Junction students to access Harvey Senior High School. We therefore ask the Legislative Council to request the State Government provide a second school bus service from Brunswick Junction to Harvey Senior High School.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 2974.]