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Parents of students using the Smithton town bus service

Dear Parents,

Proposed Merger of Smithton Town Service

The Department of State Growth has responsibility for contracting school bus services across Tasmania. As part of a recontracting process, the department has been reviewing bus services around the state to ensure that the contracted bus network meets school transport needs, is provided in a fair and equitable way across the state, and is sustainable.

This review has identified that the passenger numbers on the Smithton town service bus is at a level where it appears possible to merge this service with other services in the area. Given this, and following discussions with the operator and the school, we are proposing to merge the Smithton town service commencing at the start of the 2018 school year. Note: The existing service will continue to operate for the remainder of the 2017 school year.

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

Attached is a copy of the indicative timetables for the proposed services.

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 the 8th November 2017.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Kruup
POLICY ANALYST (PROJECT 2018)

25 October 2017

Upper Scotchtown – Proposed Timetable

Stop Name	Estimated AM Time	Stop Name	Estimated PM Time
Connells Rd Cross Rd	7:45	St Peter chanel	2:45
Nikitda Dr	7:47	Circular Head Christian School	2:55
Rubida Dr	7:49	Smithton Primary School	3:00
Mauds Rd	7:51	2 Wedge St	3:02
258 Upper Scotchtown Rd	7:05	Smithton High School	3:08
236 Upper Scotchtown Rd	7:54	Cnr Poke St & West Esp	3:10
111 Upper Scotchtown Rd	7:56	152 Nelson St	3:13
153 Giddens Rd	8:01	207 Nelson St	3:14
Cnr Giddens & Nicholls Rd	8:02	129 Emmett St	3:14
76 Scotchtown Rd	8:08	109 Emmett St	3:15
60 Scotchtown Rd	8:09	19 Nelson St	3:19
14 Scotchtown Rd	8:11	14 Scotchtown Rd	3:20
19 Nelson St	8:12	60 Scotchtown Rd	3:22
152 Nelson St	8:13	76 Scotthtown Rd	3:23
207 Nelson St	8:15	153 Giddens Rd	3:26
129 Emmett St	8:17	Cnr Giddens & Nicholls Rd	3:27
109 Emmett St	8:18	111 Upper Scotchtown Rd	3:36
Cnr Poke St & West Esp	8:23	236 Upper Scotchtown Rd	3:37
Smithton High School	8:25	258 Upper Scotchtown Rd	3:38
Circular Head Christian School	8:30	Rubida Dr	3:39
Smithton Primary School	8:31	Mauds Rd	3:41
2 Wedge Street	8:32	Nikitda Dr	3:43
St Peter Chanel	8:38	Connells Cross Rd	3:45

Proposed Timetable – Wiltshire to Smithton

Stop Location	AM Estimated Arrival Time	Stop Location	PM Estimated Arrival Time
1090 Backline Rd	7:52	1090 Backline Rd	3:44
908 Backline Rd	7:54	908 Backline Rd	3:43
Ollington Street	-	Ollington Street	3:37
Forest Shop	7:57	Forest Shop	3:36
575 Backline Rd	-	575 Backline Rd	3:33
512 Backline Rd	7:58	512 Backline Rd	3:32
Backline Rd & Fords Rd	8:00	Backline Rd & Fords Rd	3:31
474 Backline Road	8:01	474 Backline Road	3:30
436 Backline Road	8:03	436 Backline Road	3:29
Jocks Rd/Backline Road	-	Jocks Rd/Backline Road	3:28
22659 Bass Highway	8:11	22659 Bass Highway	3:24
Brittons Timbers	-	Brittons Timbers	3:23
40 Brittons Road - John Street	8:14	40 Brittons Road - John Street	3:22
Sampsons Avenue	via	Sampsons Avenue	-
King Street	-	King Street	via
66 Massey	8:19	66 Massey	3:12
96 Massey	8:20	96 Massey	3:13
5 Tier Hill Drive	8:21	5 Tier Hill Drive	3:14
3 Leederry Street	8:22	3 Leederry Street	3:15
28 Nut View Drive	8:23	28 Nut View Drive	3:16
65 Massey St	8:24	65 Massey St	3:17
Cnr Massey/Upper Smith	8:25	Cnr Massey/Upper Smith	3:18
15 Massey St	8:26	15 Massey St	3:19
St Peter Chanel	8:27	St Peter Chanel	3:45
Smithton High School	8:30	Smithton High School	3:08