



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Petition

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Better Bus Service for O'Loughlin Students

To the Speaker and Members of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly, we the undersigned citizens do respectfully request that an additional bus be provided to transport Palmerston and Rural students to and from O'Loughlin Catholic College.

The current situation is unacceptable; the existing service lacks the capacity to transport students, a problem that has existed since 2005 and is now worse with about 30 students stranded each morning and afternoon.

This ongoing situation exposes students to unnecessary risk and is of grave concern to parents and teachers.

The bus service supporting the O'Loughlin Catholic College must be improved.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Response

An increase of some 40 per cent in student enrolments was experienced by O'Loughlin College have worked together to meet the student transport need.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure and O'Loughlin College have worked together to meet the student transport need.

On 3 May 2006, the Department engaged the services of a 21 seat bus from a local bus operator and to date this initiative has proven to be successful.