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### **Labor Government throws school children off bus**

The Labor State Government has refused to allow children travelling to Kelmscott Senior High School from Jarrahdale to travel on the bus going to Armadale Senior High School.

From there the students would catch a second bus to Kelmscott.

This is the second time in recent weeks that the Carpenter Government has punished the parents and students living in the area for making choices about their children's educations.

Local MLA Tony Simpson has said that it is an outrage that the government was denying these children a place on this bus.

"The Labor State Government is proving that it is anti-choice and anti-Serpentine Jarrahdale," said Mr Simpson.

"They want to penalise parents that make the choice to send their children to what they believe is the best school for them.

"They want to penalise people for living in the outer-metropolitan region.

"The Government has said that it will only provide these children with a bus to their closest government school, yet that is the bus they wish to use.

"If these children were not going to Kelmscott, if they were going to their closest government high school, they would be going to Armadale. They would be catching this bus anyway.

"The parents involved have told me that they are even happy to pay for their children to use this bus. They are not looking for a free ride.

"It is common sense to let these children on to this bus.

"Unfortunately, it appears that common sense is in short supply in this State Government."

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