



# Tony Simpson MLA

## Member for Serpentine-Jarrahdale

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### **Simpson supports 'Walk Safely to School Day'**

Serpentine-Jarrahdale MLA Tony Simpson has declared his support for 'Walk Safely to School Day'.

"I think this is a great idea," said Mr Simpson.

"With an increase in the number of obese and overweight people in society, I think it is important to encourage our children to be active and to exercise.

"Personally I try and cycle frequently and have even ridden from my home in Byford to Parliament House in West Perth.

"I also encourage my children to walk to where they are going whenever possible."

Walk Safely to School Day is on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May and all schools are encouraged to participate.

"I call on all schools and parents to try and participate in this event.

"We need to create a greater focus on our children's health and fitness and this is a good way to start.

"Personally I am going to take the time to walk my youngest to school that week.

"I hope that other parents in our community do the same."

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au).