



Greg Piper, MP
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SAVE SCHOOL TRANSPORT SUBSIDIES

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, today called on the NSW Government not to axe School Transport Subsidies.

According to Mr Piper the school transport service is valued highly by the many parents who have contacted his office to complain about it being slashed in the current mini-budget.

Mr Piper says he calls on the to the Premier and Treasurer to improve the efficiency of the service instead of axing it.

“Ordinary families in Lake Macquarie aren’t responsible for the blowouts in the school transport system,” Mr Piper said. “Why should they lose this valuable service just because so much has money been wasted on empty buses in the country and long trips to private schools in Sydney?” “If the scheme needs to be targeted for savings it can be made more efficient while funding continues for students attending their nearest school.”

“This scheme blew out to \$470m because the Government was prepared to waste the money rather than manage it properly. Premier Rees should fix this problem rather than slug struggling families.”