



Isolated Children's Parents' Association Queensland

Travel



What ICPA Qld Inc. is working on:

- Lobbying Translink to request the Conveyance Allowance be calculated from the home garage (as opposed to the property boundary), which would ensure that rural and remote families (Class I recipients) who travel large distances on private property could be adequately compensated.
- Seeking to align the distance eligibility for secondary school students to be the same as primary school students at 3.2kms in areas classified as isolated.
- Lobbying relevant bodies to provide reduced air fare costs to rural and remote students to access educational institutions.
- Lobbying Translink for Kindergarten students to have regular, reliable access to a guaranteed seat on a bus service to allow them to attend their locally-delivered Kindergarten program.
- Producing a collation to assist with advocacy by showcasing the information provided by members regarding their Kindergarten accessibility.
- Continuing to lobby the Department of Transport and Translink regarding maintaining rural bus routes, reviewing Conveyance Allowances and student fares, and promoting the safety of our children on rural roads.

What ICPA Qld Inc. has achieved:

- Successful lobby for Translink to provide definitive guidelines, or policy regarding bus safety, travel, and route closure in Rural and Remote areas. This ensures that rural and remote communities are not disadvantaged by external factors affecting closure of bus runs (such as replacement staff unfamiliar with rural and remote bus run procedure). Now ICPA Qld Inc. is contacted, when possible bus run closures are identified.
- Due to member contributions, ICPA Qld was able to provide detailed input into the recently completed Queensland Government subsidised air and bus travel routes.
- Through member input we have gained much valuable information around kindergarten accessibility.
- Free chaperone fares on subsidised bus routes.
- Kindy student trial on two rural subsidised school bus services.
- Clarification regarding child restraints for young children travelling on school buses.
- Clarification around payment of bus drivers during circumstances beyond their control, such as natural disasters and pandemics.



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