



Queensland Bus Industry Council Inc.

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Media Statement

Statement from QLD Bus Industry Council – Executive Director David Tape

As the peak body representing Queensland bus and coach operators, the Queensland Bus Industry Council is deeply concerned about today's story of a young girl left on a bus after falling asleep.

As an industry, we take our responsibilities very seriously, and nothing is more important than the safety of our children. Bus operators have in place procedures where an onboard walk-through at the completion of a school run is to be conducted. This is standard practice across all jurisdictions.

I am meeting with the Minister for Transport this week, and will take the opportunity to bring up this incident with him and discuss further ways to mitigate this risk and ensure it is an isolated incident.

Queensland bus and coach operators complete more than 30 million school trips per year and have an impeccable safety record. That said, one incident of this type is one too many. We are thankful the child was found safe and well.

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