



**Gareth Ward** MP  
Independent Member for Kiama

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **PETITION TO FAST TRACK SEATBELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES IN KIAMA**

Independent Member for Kiama Gareth Ward MP has today launched an online petition to ensure all school buses in the Kiama electorate are fitted with a seatbelt.

Mr Ward said he has received numerous emails from parents and concerned constituents regarding overcrowded buses not fitted with seatbelts transporting children south of Shellharbour Anglican College.

"I find it unbelievable that even with \$237 million invested by the previous Coalition State Government that there are still school buses in regional NSW not fitted with seat belts," Mr Ward said.

"I encourage parents and our local school community to sign my petition urging the NSW Government to act now and expand the NSW Rural and Regional Bus Seatbelt Program to ensure every child traveling to school on a bus has a seat and a seatbelt.

"I've [asked](#) Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Jenny Aitchison reveal exactly how many school buses in the Kiama electorate that operate without a seatbelt.

"School buses in Kiama frequently have to travel on roads outside urban areas with a speed limit of 80 km/h and above we can't have kids not protected when traveling to school on roads with high speed limits.

"I'm calling on the NSW Labor Government to put politics aside and put the kids first and expand this program so kids can get to school safely."

[You can sign the petition here.](#)

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