



GOAL

Plan, build, deliver and maintain roads to meet the needs of the community and the environment.

Supporting the Government and Citizens' objectives

- To deliver services
- To meet the needs of the community and the environment
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**Transport Services**  
16,000 students per day travelling  
302 DECD buses  
297 contracted services

**Department for Education and Childrens Services**

- 166,191 children and students
- 29,108 staff
- 933 sites
- 410 preschools and childrens centres
- 359 primary schools
- 65 secondary schools
- 99 R-12 schools and area schools



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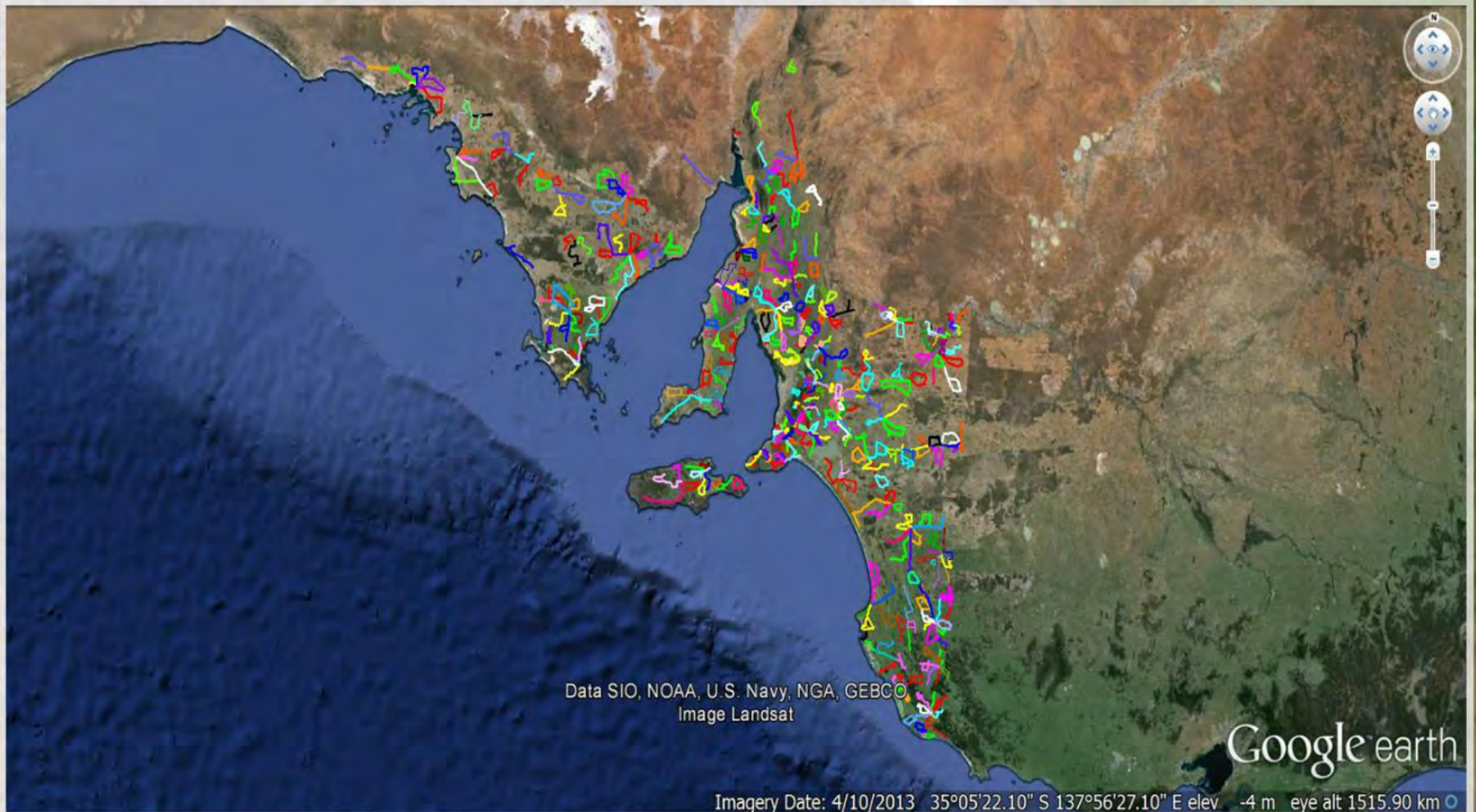
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# Rural School Bus Routes



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## *DECD Transport Services*

- DECD operates a mix of departmentally owned yellow buses, & privately operated bus services under contract with DECD
- BusSA has 25 members with over 190 school bus runs allocated
- The mix of owned & contracted services allows a level of flexibility to the school bus system to meet the changing demographic of students

## *Our Fleet*

- 469 buses
- 436 (93%) fitted with seat belts & air conditioning
- 12 new buses awaiting delivery
- GPS & CCTV systems are being installed in all DECD buses as they are purchased



School bus routes are reviewed in response to desktop analysis, requests from Principals & in consultation with contracted drivers / providers and as part of an ongoing review schedule

# *Parental Issues and Challenges*

- Safety
- Travel times
- Preschool access to buses and eligibility
- Level of services
- School bus stop locations
- School of right or school of choice?
- Relaxation of 5km rule
- Musical instruments and sports equipment
- Buses and small schools - minimum numbers

# *Ensuring Child and Student Safety*

- CCTV systems in DECD buses
- Criminal Screening checks for Drivers
- Significant improvement in communications on DECD buses (GPS, Mobile Phones, UHF Radios)
- Assessing 20-30 school bus route changes each term which involves consulting with rural school communities.

# *Ensuring Child and Student Safety*

- Assist Principals when issues arise, such as lack of bus drivers, bus breakdowns and student behaviour issues.
- Providing clear policy information to stakeholders particularly relating to to Preschool and Non Government student access to DECD buses.
- Monitoring over 400 Student With a Disability Taxi & school bus runs

## *Stakeholder Issues*

- School Bus Contractors – locating bus drivers in rural locations
- Principals – Delays in bus drivers obtaining Driver Accreditation, which includes a DCSI Criminal History Screening Check.
- Unions – Concerns raised in relation to the amount of time spent by Principals and School Staff in administering buses
- Opportunity for improved regional services and provision of contracted services

# ***DECD Transport Unit***

- the Transport Unit is responsible for:
  - Ensuring efficient operation of statewide DECD school transport system
  - Provision of transport and policy advice to stakeholders
  - Consulting with School Principals, Education Directors and School bus Contractors/Drivers to discuss any school transport related matters.

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