Riding the school bus to a new interchange

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A new $1.5 million school bus interchange will be designed to be positioned within the Centralian Middle School (CMS) to serve school children throughout Alice Springs.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said the existing bus interchange on Milner Road over the past few years has reached full capacity through the growth in school enrolments and the bus network.

“The new off road bus interchange will also provide greater safety for students and be more efficient by creating a suitable and secure area for everyone using the daily school bus network,” Mr Giles said.

“The Country Liberals Government has outlined a plan to include an interchange with space for at least 16 buses, a shade structure for waiting students and fencing for a safer environment.

“There is a need to move the bus interchange and increase the capacity with 13 morning and 14 afternoon school bus services in the network daily, and around 700 students using the network each day.”

Minister for Transport Peter Chandler said the new interchange will be located inside the southern boundary of CMS with access via Memorial Avenue.

“We are consulting widely to ensure the interchange relocation has acceptable features including landscaping and a design to compliment future sporting facility upgrades detailed in the CMS master plan,” Mr Chandler said.

“A stakeholder group including the Department of Education and Transport, NT Police, CMS and the school council along with the Alice Springs Town Council are all supporting the new project.

“The Country Liberals Government believes in engaging local communities and interested parties can find out more information this Thursday December 3 between 5.30pm and 6.30pm, on site at the southern end of the CMS oval near the old softball diamond.

“It’s an open invitation to residents and interested community groups to attend the meeting and have any concerns answered about this exciting project.

“Only the Country Liberals have a plan to grow the economy and invest in the infrastructure the Territory needs to create a better lifestyle for everyone.”

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