Inquiry into Geographical Differences in the Rate in which Victorian Students Participate in Higher Education

Online Submission

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I believe Geelong residents wishing to study at Ballarat University are at a major disadvantage when it comes to travel. Buses leaving Geelong for Ballarat leave Geelong at 8am and go direct to Ballarat arriving at 9.45 am. These buses do not even stop at the Mt Helen Campus. Returning to Geelong from Ballarat, Monday - Friday, the last bus leaves 2.15 pm when most classes at University haven't even finished. The next bus home to Geelong is at 6.45 am the next day. Hence, this leaves all students attending Ballarat University from Geelong at a huge disadvantage. These students require a car to travel daily or the need to move away from home. My daughter currently resides on campus, and I am required to drive up to Ballarat on Thursday evening to bring her back to Geelong as there is no public transport available then, she is attending a Primary School in Geelong on Friday, and she has a part time job in Geelong over the weekends.