



Transitional Requirements - P Platers 19 December 2003

Minister for Transport, Michael Wright has provided a very poor example to youth in not honouring his contract with them.

“No transitional arrangements have been put in place for L plate drivers who will now have to stay on L plates for 6 months despite having completed their requirements for their provisional license's sooner” Mrs. Penfold said.

These young people signed in good faith and were expecting to get their P plates on completion of their contract. They expected to have their licenses for the holidays in time to get jobs, help with harvest and be independent from busy family members.

“One young man, Ryan, has disabled parents who do not hold drivers licenses and now will have to continue to rely on friends with current licenses to be able to drive legally for the next 4 months” she said.

“Ryan questions the legality of what has happened to him and his friends and is starting a petition asking for transitional provisions to be put in place to enable him to get on with his life”.

“Country people do not have the option of buses, trains and taxi's and even obtaining their vehicle license is much more difficult than it is in the city”.

“I call on the Minister to honour his contract with these young people and put transitional arrangements in place as soon as possible” Mrs. Penfold said.