



Bus threat allegation

Deputy State Liberal Leader, David Hodgett, has alleged the State Government attempted to take possession of privately-owned buses in Beaufort and Avoca.

"Daniel Andrews has back flipped following pressure from the Liberal Nationals over his aggressive and unfair bus contracts," he alleged.

"The Andrews Government was trying to force bus operators in regional Victoria to hand over their assets, effectively their entire business and livelihood, at the end of their government contract. This was simply not fair and completely unjustified.

"In the Parliament, the Andrews Labor Government mocked the bus association during Question Time and said their story was simply 'wrong' and said it was a campaign of 'misinformation'.

"After this matter was raised several times in the Parliament by the Liberal Nationals and by a rally of bus owners on the steps of Parliament, Daniel Andrews has done an embarrassing backflip over his unfair and unjust plan to forcibly take the assets of hard working bus owners.

"This backflip is a major win for 1400 regional bus owners who brought this matter to the attention of the Liberal Nationals after the Andrews Labor Government ignored them and said they were lying.

"When it comes to bus contracts we can't trust Daniel Andrews. The Liberal Nationals will continue to fight for the rights of city bus owners to not have their business taken away.

"Daniel Andrews fights against bus owners, he fights CFA volunteers, he cuts country roads funding, he simply doesn't care for regional Victoria," he said.