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## **ACQUISITION OF SOUTH WEST COACH LINES**

Veolia Transport Australasia (VTA) recently acquired South West Coach Lines (SWCL), the major bus operator in the South West region of Western Australia (WA).

"The acquisition of this iconic WA business is a terrific result for VTA. It reinforces our commitment to serving the communities in the southern regions of WA," said Mr Hans Baunsoe, Managing Director of VTA.

"What's so great about this business is its reputation and commitment to communities that it has served for thirty years. We plan to build upon the excellent foundations of this business," said Mr Baunsoe.

The business encompasses fixed route and school services for the cities of Bunbury (Bunbury City Transit) and Busselton (Busselton Regional Town Bus Service) via contracts with the Public Transport Authority of Western Australia, until June 2012 and December 2015 respectively.

Under the name of South West Coach Lines, the business also has charter activities, and operates regional coach lines linking Perth and Mandurah with many towns of the South West region including: Bunbury, Busselton, Augusta, Dunsborough, Manjimup, Collie and Nannup.

SWCL is located close to the Margaret River wine area, on a pristine coast line, in one of the fastest growing regions in Australia.

SWCL has depots in Bunbury, Busselton and Augusta, and offices in Bunbury, Busselton and Perth.

SWCL has 68 vehicles (including 48 route buses and 20 coaches), running 3.2 million kilometres per annum, served by 85 drivers.

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