

Recently while driving back the 8km to the closest off leash dog area from where I live in the Wollongong area my car broke down with 4kms to go. I had with me Alice my **19 year old kelpie**. I waited for the local bus to arrive but of course was not allowed on the bus with my dog. It was almost dark. There was no footpath or lights along most of the only road home (Grand Pacific Drive). Quite long stretches between Coalcliff and Stanwell Park have no space at all at the side of the road. I had to walk the 4kms left in the dark on this single lane road. 4km is no problem for me but for my 19yr old dog it almost killed her - by the end she was having to stop every 100m or so. It took us 2 1/2 hours to get home.

This all happend because Alice was not allowed on the bus. Alice was on a leash, she is smallish, very quiet, has never threatened anyone in her life and is of course perfectly toilet trained. She is also now completely deaf and has less than 20% vision.

This pathetic and ridiculous law that prevented me and my dog from getting on the bus put myself and Alice in a very difficult and potentially quite dangerous position.

Thanks

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