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Delia Lawrie

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ROCKTHROWING CONDEMNED BY MINISTER

A nine year old boy is recovering in hospital after a rock, thrown at his Palmerston school bus, smashed the window and hit him in the head.

Minister for Transport, Delia Lawrie, has condemned the attack.

“Throwing rocks at any vehicle is just plain stupid and dangerous, to throw a rock at a school bus full of kids defies comprehension,” said Ms Lawrie.

“Any head trauma is a very serious injury; fortunately in this case the cut on the boy’s head is not life threatening, however it’s just luck he and other children on the bus weren’t more seriously hurt.

“Rockthrowing won’t be tolerated.”

Ms Lawrie said if found guilty of throwing a rock the perpetrator could face up to 14 years in jail.

“This is a very serious offence and the penalty for such blatant stupidity carries an appropriate consequence.

“Reckless rock throwing, even if it doesn’t cause harm or damage, can be punished with a long jail sentence,” Ms Lawrie said.

“I call on rock throwers to stop this highly dangerous action.

“Think about the trauma it causes.

“Think of the consequences for yourself and others.”

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