



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 6 – TRANSPORT AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

MEDIA RELEASE

NEW INQUIRY INTO THE PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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An Upper House committee has commenced an inquiry into the privatisation of bus services in New South Wales.

The inquiry will examine the modelling, rationale and process of privatising bus services, and assess the impact that privatisation has had on the community who use the services and the workers who provide them. The committee will also consider a trial of electric buses currently underway in the Sydney Metropolitan area.

Ms Abigail Boyd MLC, Chair of Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport and Customer Service, said: "This inquiry will be a good opportunity to examine bus privatisation, following the final stage of the NSW Government's plan that has seen contracts awarded to various bus service providers across Sydney."

Ms Boyd continued: "The committee is keen to explore the economic, social, safety, employment and environmental implications of bus privatisation, and encourages all interested parties to participate in this important inquiry."

Have your say

The committee invites interested individuals to have their say through its online questionnaire at <https://bit.ly/bus-services-survey>. Other stakeholders, including businesses, community groups and organisations, are encouraged to lodge a written submission online, via www.bit.ly/bus-services-submissions. The closing date for submissions is **31 March 2022**.

For more information about the inquiry, including the committee membership and the terms of reference, please visit the committee's webpage at www.bit.ly/bus-services-inquiry.

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