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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR
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I have been horrified to learn, via the bus drivers, with no public announcement, that the 243 bus on which our whole area depends, with NO alternative transport option, is about to cease operating.

I am 70 years old. I live in Wyong Rd Mosman. I have arthritis. The 243 bus stop is 20 steps from my house. Military Road is a half hour walk from our area, of which I am not capable.

The 243 bus takes me either to Spit Junction for shopping or Neutral Bay to connect with the B1 or 100 to the city. It also stops at Middle Harbour Public School. My daughter is a single mother with 2 small children and the 243 is her and many other young mothers' transport to the school with her children. All our neighbours depend at peak hour to get to and from work in the city or to take them to Military Rd to connect with buses to North Sydney or Royal North Shore Hospital, with no other public transport option.

The cancellation of this bus will make all our lives impossible. Just because Covid meant people worked from home does not mean people will work from home forever; that situation is rapidly changing; and we all still need medical treatment.

The 243 used to run hourly, which was fine. Suddenly it started running every 30 minutes which was unnecessary, so there were a lot of empty buses in non peak periods. But to cancel it altogether is a disaster for the elderly, city workers, primary school children, young mothers; tertiary students that use it to connect with other buses that only stop in Neutral Bay; and the infirm going to RNS Hospital. We all depend on the 243 bus.

What are you thinking?? Look at a Map ! See how far Wyong Rd, Inkerman St, Congewoi Rd etc etc actually are from Military Rd and the primary bus routes ! Are you people totally devoid of intelligence? You are compromising people's lives and livelihoods !