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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR  
TUNNEL AND BEACHES LINK**

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I do not believe the Mosman bus route 243 should be cancelled. This bus route services an area which realistically is not in walking distance to the Military Road bus system. By cancelling this route you will be making more people drive, children will no longer be able to catch the bus to school, therefore parents will need to drive them especially if they are carrying their school bags which are always heavy. The older community or anyone who does not drive or is unable to walk any distance will be very much penalised.

The area is not flat, this bus system is very much a part of the community and a lifeline to other areas from Spit Junction to Neutral Bay, the city and then back from the city to Spit Junction. I always thought the idea was to keep as many cars off the road. Why do we have public transport if you keep closing them down.

Not everyone lives on or near the main roads and is that what the government want? This is what cancelling this route will mean...more cars, more congestion, more people even more isolated unable to go to the shops, cinema or even the bank and with a feeling of isolation more mental health issues!

Young people, like myself can not afford to pay for a taxi and walking the distances required to get to public transport is not always an option, especially for a young women by herself. I don't understand why you would cancel this route because of the Northern Beaches link system which would not have anything to do with the bus system in this area!