

## INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

**Organisation:** Optical Illusions (Optical retail)

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I have been in my Optical retail business in Kingsford for 32 years and have endured many changes to the area that have marginally affected my business, including the GFC.

The last 7 years have been the most damaging to my business and mentally challenging to myself due to 4 years of this Light Rail fiasco that took away around 20% of my business, then of course COVID that began 2 months before the Light rail officially opened in Kingsford.

This last 7 years has caused irreversible damage to my business and to the businesses along Anzac parade.

Now to add to the injury, the NSW govt has taken away many of the bus routes that bring customers to Kingsford and have taken away vital bus stops on Anzac Parade.

When is this going to stop and who is the brain behind all this?

Do they believe the Light Rail is the solution to all of this?

How are the commuters able to even get to the light rail?

This is great for whoever lives within walking distance of the Light Rail route.

Well done to the genius behind all this, you have kicked me down even further