

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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Dear Sir/Madam

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Re: Submission to the Inquiry into the Privatisation of Bus Services

On 18 February 2022 Mosman Council received an email from the Chair of the NSW Legislative Council's Portfolio Committee No.6 inviting Council to make a submission to the above inquiry.

Mosman Council at its meeting on 5 April 2022 considered a report on this matter and resolved that:

1. Council welcomes the inquiry into the privatisation of bus services in NSW and notes the concern that the changes to date have engendered on the community and the significant impact of those changes.
2. Council appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission to the inquiry.
3. The NSW Government and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) be requested to adopt a formal consultation process to seek residents' feedback on the privatisation of bus services, timetables and changes to public transport asset ownership.
4. Any future proposal to change bus routes or frequencies of services or changes to bus stops be subject to comprehensive community consultation process and notification and further that the recent suite of changes also be subject to genuine community consultation.
5. The NSW Government and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) be requested to provide assurances that service levels would not decrease, and fares would not increase because of privatisation of bus services and be requested to provide iron clad assurances.
6. The use of electric buses be supported.

Further, the submission request that this review does not occur whilst COVID-19 remains a profound issue within the community.

Mosman Council strongly supports affordable, safe, and appropriately resourced bus services. The bus services are highly valued and well utilised by Mosman residents and visitors. More buses mean less cars on the road and therefore more availability of car parking with additional environmental benefits.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

 Craig Covich

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