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INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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I am writing to highlight the impoverishment of the bus service from Coogee to the rest of the Metro area, since the introduction of the light rail & subsequent cuts to the bus service. In particular for many trips that I make, in a regular way, such as going to the centre of the city, now require me to change buses. This often means walking to another bus stop, which in several instances is across a main road eg 373 to Museum station & then you have to cross the road to get a connection on Elizabeth St., to go to David Jones (Market St) or to Martin Place or Circular Quay. I go to all these destinations in a regular way, since I like to visit the CBD, plus walk to the Art Gallery from Martin Place, or to the MCA from Circular Quay. Or walk to the Botanic Gardens from either of those stops. It has really impacted on what was in the past a really satisfying trip to the centre of Sydney. Then from Circular Quay, there was a choice of buses that took you all the way back to Coogee, with NO need to change buses. The Light Rail stops at Randwick & requires crossing Belmore road, in order to get back to Coogee. This just one of numerous examples I could give about how the cuts to the bus service have reduced or made impossible many trips that I use to make.