

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for your inquiry into the privatisation of our bus services.

I have been negatively impacted by the bus service changes. Essential services have been cut and there is no adequate replacement. For example, the bus service "372" provided readily accessible services to Sydney's Central Station. With the cancellation of this service we now have to walk 15 min to access public transport. The government promised us the "373" service would continue, allowing us to access Sydney CBD. The service no longer exists in any useable form, terminating at Museum station.

It is important to note that the light rail is not a suitable replacement. Were it a high speed, underground service then it could be considered viable as a suitable extra option for the Eastern Suburbs. But all it is is an inconvenience for motorists and pedestrians.

Privatisation of our public services have caused the removal and restriction of essential public transport services.