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## **INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES**

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The people of Maroubra, and the suburbs beyond down to La Perouse, have been let down by a combination of bus privatizations, and the new light rail project. Before January 2022, there were 3 buses from Maroubra that ran to central: the 393, 395 and M10. Post January 2022: there are zero. Before January 2022, there were five buses that ran from Maroubra to circular quay via Taylor Square: 394, L94, 396, 397, 399. Post January 2022: 1. I feel even more sorry for those in Malabar and beyond - they have not one service to Taylor Square, gateway to St Vincent's Hospital, Kings Cross, Oxford St and many other high foot traffic areas.

I work across two different hospitals and now instead of having numerous services to take me to central (RPA) or Taylor Square (St Vincent's), I have 1. And frequently this service runs off schedule or is cancelled. What is the incentive to utilize public transport if services are cut, and passengers have to make multiple changes in order to make simple trips to high traffic destinations?

Previously, the trip to railway square would take on average 20-25 minutes from Maroubra. The light rail from Kingsford to Haymarket is 21 minutes. That doesn't include time from Maroubra on a separate service, or time waiting for a connection.

To add insult to injury, passengers were given two promotional posters that appeared to entirely contradict each other. One purports better connections and more frequent services (which, as demonstrated, is a flagrant lie), and then another other weeks later, following the overhaul, announced a reduction in services. Well, at least we had some truth.

My suggestions: bring back the L94. Bring back one service for people along Anzac Parade beyond Kingsford to Central or Redfern. And extend the light rail to La Perouse.

Thanks for your time

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