

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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I don't hold a license to drive due to medical reasons, and I live alone so I am solely dependent on using public transport to go to work, do my grocery shopping, socialising with friends and family, attend events, and to go to medical appointments.

It has been detrimental to my situation since 5 December 2021 when several bus routes were cancelled and the last remaining bus route shortened.

Eastern suburb beaches have always relied on buses and it's devastating that bus routes 372 to Central station, 314 to Bondi Junction, M50 to Drummoyne, and now the 373 only goes to the outskirts of the CBD and no where near Macquarie Street medical offices, St Mary's Cathedral or to Circular Quay.

Please we are pleading with you to return the bus services to their former capacity.

Ideally reinstate Bus routes 372, 314, 373 all the way to Circular Quay, and the M50!

How are we supposed carry our work equipment, gym bag, groceries and be changing modes of transport multiple times in bad weather?

It's appalling the state of affairs and this notion of privatisation of bus services is disgusting. Our State Government is supposed to provide a Public Transport service to support the community to live our lives unimpeded if we don't drive.