

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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Bus route changes 2022 Eastern Suburbs Sydney

First, I will say that three of the new bus routes that impact our household do, in fact, appear to be similar in routes to those they have replaced. The new ones are 375 and 350, with the 396 still numbered as before, with minor route changes.

HOWEVER, the cancellation of a direct bus (what was the 375) from Maroubra Beach to Eddy Avenue Central Railway has extremely disadvantaged us. We are both getting on in years and having to break the journey at Randwick to be forced to use the light rail as the only way to access Central Station trains is an uncomfortable challenge. In addition, the rail is dreadfully slow.

We request that a direct bus to Central Station to and from the terminus at Maroubra Beach to please be reinstated, to run in daylight hours up until at least 7pm, as it did prior to cancellation.

Once university of NSW students return in the large numbers, they will overpower the carriages on the light rail in terms of sheer numbers, making it extremely difficult for residents who live along the light rail route, and the many who daily visit and work at the Randwick Hospitals Campus, to get on. The cancelled 375 route did not stop near the university, therefore the daily extreme number of uni students did not crowd onto the buses on that route, allowing residents, patients, visitors and staff to get to and from the hospitals in a much less stressful way.

If the 374 from Coogee to Central Station can still be running, then why can't the cancelled 375 route be reinstated?