

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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I would like to complain about the fact that I can no longer travel to and from the city without having to change to another bus or the light rail. People living on Bunnerong Road have the same problem - they have to change to another bus or the light rail.

As I am over 70 years of age and occasionally went to the theatre or other forms of entertainment in the city in the evening I no longer feel I will be able to this.

If I use the light rail I have to wait in the middle of Anzac Parade at Kingsford waiting for a bus to take me home. Is there any security officers there after dark in the evening. If I use the only bus from the city - 396 - I have to change at Maroubra Junction and wait for a bus to take me the rest of the way home. People waiting at Maroubra Junction sometimes have to put up with drunks and obnoxious youths. We also had a security officer travel on the bus to the end of the line because of trouble on the buses after Malabar - is that service still in operation or was it cancelled when the new timetable started.

The L94 bus service was well patronised and should never have been cancelled.

The cancellation of this service means that anybody living any further out than Maroubra Junction has to change to another bus or the light rail to travel into the city, or home, which is inconvenient and detrimental to our health especially in bad weather because there is no proper shelter from the wind and rain at the Juniors at Kingsford.

Because of this it is very unlikely I will be venturing out in the evening again and I am sure there are many more people with same opinion as me.