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INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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Cuts to bus services, particularly those that go from the Eastern Suburbs to the CBD are ridiculous. We now need to take 2 buses or a bus & light rail, which takes longer and costs more. It is especially tricky with a pram, changing services, more so in bad weather

I used to go to the city all the time, to see friends, have lunch, drinks, go shopping and to cafes

Now, I don't bother. I stay closer to home where I can use public transport

Although, buses close to home are terrible too.... Yesterday, I had a medical appointment - an ultrasound to check the health of my unborn baby after having Covid. In what is already a stressful time, my bus to the appointment did not arrive. So, we had to wait 30 minutes until the next bus and nearly missed the appointment. The same thing happened on the way home - the bus did not turn up. The next bus arrived, though it was full, so I was standing in the rain with my 13 month old in the pram, 32 1/2 weeks pregnant, now waiting almost an hour to get gone

This is sooo ridiculous, when I was simply getting a bus 5km up the road from Maroubra to Randwick and return home