

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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All of our buses from La Perouse to the city have been cut.

The only buses that remain are buses that have been rerouted to Westfield shopping centres. The buses that remain are going to be privatised.

Buses cut from Dec 5th 2021 were 300, 301, 302, 309X, 310X, 314, 316, 317, 338, 353, 357, 372, 373, 376, 377, 391, 394, 395, 397 (rerouted to Westfields), 400, 400N, L94, X40, X93 and X99

This has had a huge impact on lower-income people, particularly those in the South Maroubra, Malabar and the La Perouse areas.

It greatly disadvantages elderly people, people with disability, people with young children, and teenagers.

Personally, I have no way to commute to my workplace within a reasonable period of time. My only option is to drive.

The issues with driving to work every day are:

- environmental
- cost of tolls
- cost of petrol
- safety concerns and the stress of being on Sydney roads
- increase in congestion on the roads
- decrease in health as driving reduces incidental exercise
- increased cost of car maintenance due to increased usage
- living in a world city should mean access to efficient and direct public transport

I acknowledge that I'm privileged and have the option to drive, many do not and are now isolated as a result. This is having a huge impact on mental health in the community.

With the City of Sydney rejuvenation plan working on enticing people into the city, how can we be involved with the cultural life of the city if we can't get there?

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