

**Submission
No 112**

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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My main concern is that after the bus timetable changes in 2021 there are no direct bus connections from "central" Coogee to either Circular Quay (including the Mitchell Library) or Central station. These were the 372 and 373 routes. Both of these trips now require a either a change of bus or changing from a bus to the Light Rail.

Having to change from one mode of transport to another makes any trip longer and more complicated. I consider, therefore, that the timetable change represents a service downgrade for our area and we are worse off than we were before.

Changes to the 370 service has been mixed. Increasing the number of services is definite improvement. Shortening its route from Coogee to Glebe is a pity (for the occasional trip Coogee to Gladesville), however, hopefully passenger numbers from the Opal card data was used to justify this change - which would make it understandable.