

**Submission  
No 113**

## **INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES**

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I have a weekly appointment at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and travel from my home in Coogee there and back by public transport. I carry a moderately heavy musical instrument as well as sheet music and reading material for the journey. Previously I could catch a bus 150 metres away from my home and alight a similar distance from the Conservatorium some 20-25 minutes later. Now I have to walk 1 kilometre up hill to the light rail terminus and 600 metres, again up hill, from the Circular Quay terminus. The entire journey now takes around 50 minutes instead of the previous 35-40 minutes and leaves me fatigued on arrival. I am 69 years old and still mobile but am significantly inconvenienced by the ill-advised changes in public transport programming. The Light Rail system is a good system but provides very qualified support for Coogee residents in comparison with the previous bus timetable..