

**Submission
No 123**

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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I wish to express my ABSOLUTE OBJECTION to the proposed privatisation of buses in the eastern suburbs. The reasons are as follows:

1. Public transport is a PUBLIC good, and as such should be run for the GOOD of the PUBLIC rather than for profit.
2. It's certain that the profit motive would be pursued by private companies. Therefore fares are sure to increase and less popular routes, no matter how important they may be to commuters, would be cut.
3. At a time when we need to encourage our population to make greater use public transport due to climate change, poor air quality and traffic congestion, it's VITAL that government maintains control of this important service.
4. Private bus services in other areas of Sydney (eg Western Sydney) have proved to be less efficient and reliable than public services.

I would be most grateful if the contents of this submission would be given full dispassionate consideration.