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

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The removal of, and changes to, a number of Eastern Suburbs bus routes in preparation for the planned privatisation of services has resulted in significant negative impacts on local residents. In particular, less mobile locals have been forced to walk considerable distances to distant bus stops as well as change buses or services at least once to reach the CBD. On a personal level, I now need to catch a bus to Randwick & then walk 250 metres to the light rail to get to Circular Quay, a trip which now takes 50 minutes instead of the previous 30 to 35 minutes. This affects my ability to easily access the Opera House, Botanic Gardens, State Library, Art Gallery, Macquarie St medical precinct & Elizabeth St retail precinct. Public transport should be servicing the many, especially them less advantaged, not a profit making venture that benefits only a few.