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INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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Awkward best describes the new southward bus stop allocated to Kingsford, NSW. The main business area no longer has easy-to-reach connections down Anzac Parade to Maroubra Junction, as one example. The only bus stop remaining in the Kingsford main business precinct goes down Bunnerong Road to Eastgardens in Pagewood. The previous bus connections are now streets away from where the main shops, grocery store, banks and post office are located. This spells the death knell for the business heart of Kingsford. Already the only butcher shop has closed as well as restaurants and a florist. I would add that the discontinued 400 bus was a much-used route duplicating the uncompleted Eastern Suburbs Rail line from Bondi Junction to Sydney Airport. One now has the worry having to change buses at the Domestic Terminal to get to the International Terminal and vice versa. That will mean an awkward rehandling of luggage and anxiety about being late for a flight. The former 400 bus, which began at Bondi Junction, connected me in one trip to both terminals. This discontinuation of a bus between the two terminals will be a perplexing nightmare for both international and interstate travellers. Surely that could be corrected in the name of common sense!