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INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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Services withdrawn along Eastern Avenue going to the city have been withdrawn. You have to walk 3 to 4 blocks to get to the light rail. This causes great hardship to the most vulnerable in the community: the aged, people with disabilities, low income families, single parents. There are still a high proportion of aged in the area who are greatly disadvantaged by having these services withdrawn: not having access to social interaction, opportunity to participate fully in events or social hubs which reduce social isolation.

Families have to drive to the Kingsford roundabout, park in the car park used by South's Juniors then cross two roads to reach the light rail. For the aged, people with disabilities, families with prams and young children this is a nightmare to navigate. I am opposed to the privatisation as the service becomes profit driven as opposed to meeting the needs of the community who pay taxes.