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INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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Hi, I used to have 4 buses that I could catch to Randwick and now I have 1 bus, the 373. It is a loop route, and since the reduction in services there's been constant issues with buses not turning up as scheduled and where I used to wait 5 minutes sometimes the wait is 20 minutes. People won't use buses unless they are regular and on time. This bus is neither. There used to be buses to Central - they have all been abolished. You have to catch the tram which is slow and unreliable. We have gone from having some of the best services in Sydney to almost non-existent buses! The government even admitted it was so they could give our buses to the area serving Greens Square where they were short of buses. So literally robbing Peter to pay Paul. This government couldn't run a bath. Many routes finish short - the 373 finishes at Museum Station. The main shops are blocks away on Pitt St, so you are literally left at the edge of the city and told to find your way. I'm older and I'm considering getting a driver's licence it's gotten so bad. I'm disgusted that this whole raft of critical changes were pushed through during a pandemic and the whole of my area which is already clogged with traffic will now get much worse because people won't rely on public transport anymore as it's too unreliable or non-existent. Please bring back our buses!