

**Submission
No 171**

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

Name: Ms Marian McIntosh

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Dear Sir / Madam, I am writing to express my disgust at this state government's plan to ignore the genuine concerns of the public who are being adversely affected by negatively changing plans to the former bus Route #9, that services buses to the public, from Eastgardens to Maroubra, Coogee, Randwick and Bondi Junction. Further it provides ancillary transport services to those regular and ordinary people living in Darlinghurst, Surry Hills and Circular Quay. Regular bus services are a right to the public, not to be an amusing, economic toy of state government. Regular transport services enrich the community in myriad ways: By sheer access to amenities enabling travel to family and friends to hopping on a bus for the fun of a weekend excursion, used to be a normal daily experience that has now become, through your myopic, periscope of thinking, a new luxury. Public transport remains 'public transport' and your idea of even suggesting the privatisation of this right to "PUBLIC TRANSPORT, is ludicrous. If your government cannot manage an existing public transport system that functions with routine and efficiency, then serious questions will be raised as to your adequacy to govern a state.