

**Submission
No 174**

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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Dear Officer,

I am the Chairperson of this building, one of many high rise unit buildings in the area. I write to you on behalf of my Strata Committee. I am a senior citizen and as such resent the way the buses have been rerouted in Randwick Council area.

We have people working in Surry Hills, who previously used the 374 service to Central Railway. Cleveland St is too far away, also the Light Rail. We have found these stops have been not been placed close to bus stops, to allow for interchanging. Why is that? A planning mystery or a deliberate attempt to keep us on the tram?

As you would know working life is changing now and many people work shifts and part time. How are they to manage? Many resent having to change and wait for buses to the city and Paddington etc at Taylor's Square. The 395 route ends at Randwick Junction, denying a service to the vast number of residents living further on in North Randwick.

The loss of the route 400 and 410 is inexplicable to us all. How are we to get to the airport directly as previously? The new routes 375 and 396 only travel to Eastgardens, not the Airport. And this is via South Maroubra or via South Coogee, making the trip much longer. Changing buses with luggage is putting a burden on residents and tourists alike!

The new Light Rail stops at High St. The nearest bus to the city is 200 metres uphill. Why not make a stop in Avoca St or Belmore Rd to connect people from Coogee etc?

With these new routes, I have to change buses very often when I go to the Shopping Centres close by. The 373 does not come regularly as stated. I often wait at Prince St for twenty minutes during the day!! Is that why there is no daytime timetable? Most of the buses that come, read 'Out of Service'. It seems the only residents you cater for are the young working people who happen to work regular hours 8am to 6 pm. What about mothers with children? And the elderly who have paid taxes for fifty years and deserve a regular safe journey without having to negotiate the danger of getting off and on buses all day? You want seniors to be active, yet you make it difficult for us to get around!

Yours faithfully

Brenda Saunders