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## **INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES**

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The bus cuts have made a big negative impact on my life. There is now only one bus from Randwick to Coogee, the 373, which does not go all the way to Circular Quay where I have a regular activity, either, and the 372 does not go to Railway Square where I attend church. I rely on public transport and I find the cuts discriminatory against elderly people, and people without cars. To change buses and use the light rail can be inconvenient, and costly for some of us.

We are encouraged, as elderly people and people with some disabilities (in my case arthritis), to participate in society, to stay in our own homes rather than go into care, and, to get about and make contributions to our community. How can we now?

What were the reasons behind these savage bus cuts? How can they be justified?

Thank you for reading this. Please take these views into account.