

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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The number of bus routes cut from Bondi Junction has impacted me severely. The wait time for a bus has increased from a few minutes to up to twenty minutes. To get to work now I leave at least twenty minutes earlier. My journey time is now longer than what it was years ago. The buses are more crowded and do not seem to run to any timetable.

I thought that in this day and age it should be easier to use public transport, not more difficult. I don't drive so I am dependant like many others on public transport. Journeys that once were so easy and only required one bus no longer exist. Prior to these bus cuts to get to the airport was only one bus, now it is two to three buses or one bus and two trains. With luggage this is no longer practical. Given the 400 bus was one of the most popular routes and always crowded it is beyond belief that this service was changed.

Please also consider the impact on the elderly people who are also frequent users of the buses. Do not make it harder for them by cutting their services and limiting their movements. A prime example is some of my mother's friends who belong to a Probus club. They travel from Randwick and Coogee to Waverley. They are now forced to get two buses instead of one. Connections are not always frequent. Some of them have said it is now too hard and no longer attend Probus. Please consider the importance of people like this to be able to get out and socialise, instead of being stuck at home.