

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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We are residents of Leeton Avenue, Coogee for 35 years now. My husband and I are 70. The entire time here we have enjoyed the service of the public buses Coogee to Circular Quay - 373 (via Taylor Square) and 374 (via Central Station). A direct journey - efficient, comfortable and greatly used by us . With the building of the light rail we have now been forced to use two modes of transport if we wish to access the north CBD as the bus services terminate around Central Station. I am a member of the NSW Art Gallery and the Sydney Theatre Company which means access necessitates changing to the light rail. AND we are doubly surprised/annoyed with the length of walking required between the change (bus to light rail) . We are reasonably agile (at the moment) but in rain it could be a problem. For young Mums with strollers it will be a nightmare.

We DO NOT want a private bus service to replace our existing service and a forced transfer to light rail to replace what was a perfectly terrific service is frankly an unnecessary pain and inconvenience.

regards