INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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I live on the border of Bronte and Clovelly. There are two bus services I regularly use. The 379 goes from Bronte Beach to North Bondi via Bondi Junction. This means I need to change buses at Bondi Junction to go further east and into the city. This "service" replaced the 378 Bronte to Central route which was a direct route down Oxford Street through Paddington and passed St Vincents Hospital etc to the City. Three years ago before the last State election the current Government said they would look at reinstating the old 378 route. Nothing has happened.

The 339 bus route Clovelly to the City (which originally terminated at Milsons Point) was changed a number of years ago and terminated at Circular Quay. Now it terminates at Central Station which means I have to transfer to another bus or the light rail to go to the CBD and Circular Quay. There is no convenience to local passengers in either of these services, only inconvenience in transferring and waiting times, braving weather conditions and extended walks.

I am very concerned about further changes that might be made to these services if and when they are operated by a private operator, particularly the 339 which might be terminated at Centennial Park to force passengers to use the light rail. It would clearly mean the 378 route Bronte to the City will never be reinstated.