

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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Dear sirs, the recent cuts to local buses in the Eastern Suburbs area have greatly impacted many people. I used to rely on buses to get to work along Anzac Parade and onto Elizabeth Street, but now the majority of buses do not travel that route (if an Express bus) or do not stop at the bus stop where I am based (UNSW). Return journeys in the evenings are worse, with far fewer buses working the previous routes of 394, 396, 397 and 398, or they are Express buses that only stop in front of Souths Juniors. It is not clear why these express buses cannot stop in say Kensington and again at UNSW.

It is obvious that this is done to force people to get the Light Rail which is quite slow and does not go near where I work. The end result is that I am forced to drive into work more often (which I would rather not do) or start my journey 30 minutes earlier waiting for fewer buses or using the Light Rail.