

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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The State transit system can be said to have always been integral to my life. Since childhood I have always travelled by bus ferry and train as has my family.

The service has always been reliable and convenient, an indispensable public service.

Now however the notion of public service is being ignored and replaced by service to private enterprise

The reprogramming and rerouting of the bus services in the east has been undertaken over time by an inexorable whittling away of services and amenity over a long period of time

Bus stops have been eliminated in order to facilitate "faster" journeys

Now some stops are so far apart that elderly infirm and young families must traipse longer distances to mount their buses- if they still exist!

The tram stops are also few and far between and totally inconveniently located for many patrons

It is important to remember that not all users are commuters and need convenient transport for needs other than work

Personally I had been planning to divest myself of my car and rely on public transport in my retirement because living in Clovelly has been very convenient

Now I am forced to reconsider that plan and feel the necessity to continue driving for shopping, appointments and leisure