

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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I have been negatively impacted by the bus cancellations and route changes in my area. Despite working from home I still have to travel to the city for work meetings and also used to like to travel for recreation.

Now that our closest bus only goes to Central outside peak hour, and most of the next closest busses coming from Coogee have either been cancelled altogether or only go to Liverpool street it means changing for another service that is quite a walk and wait away. It adds significant time and inconvenience to my trips, especially in bad weather. It also makes it difficult to ensure you will be on time as the wait time in between can be unpredictable.

I am also concerned about people with disabilities and older people and those with prams or other heavy things to carry. How are they going to manage? Not being able to travel all the way into the city on one continuous service is ridiculous. The tram is too far from me in any direction for me to catch even if I wanted to.

This has also resulted in me travelling to the city a lot less and when I do I often have to go to the expense of catching an Uber one or both ways which I would never have considered previously when the services were numerous and reliable and went all the way to the Quay.

I have paid taxes my whole life and I am angry and upset at these changes to essential services that I and the community rely on.

I am also strongly against the privatisation of any public transport.

Sincerely