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INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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The changes made to the Eastern Suburbs late 2021 is an embarrassment to live in Sydney. I now have family visiting from overseas and could previously get a direct bus into the city which is 12km away and only 20min drive and now tell them that they need to get two buses and it will take over an hour.

It is an absolute backward step for Sydney considering Eastern Suburbs is the major tourist destination and it restrict people getting around.

Since the changes to the buses it now takes me an extra 20 + mins to get to work if the change over is lined up. I choose to drive when I can to the city which is pushing people in the opposite direction in lowering emissions.

Fundamentally as a female I no longer feel safe getting a bus after 7pm from the city at night after work as I have to change over to a second bus and wait in the dark by myself and often get a taxi.

So overall:

40mins - 1hr added to my overall commute a day

Drive car instead of getting bus

Holds me back from going into the office more

Do not feel safe at night getting 2 buses so spend \$40 on taxi

Visitors can no longer easily use public transport - highly embarrassing 'backward city compared to other cities'

I do not see anything above as being acceptable.