

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

Name: Name suppressed

Date Received: 29 March 2022

Partially
Confidential

Before the changes the reliable 339 went close to Circular Quay and travelled along Elizabeth Street, so was in easy access to Macquarie Street and the State Library etc. Now this bus terminates at Central. Why? The also reliable 400 from Bondi Junction and along Frenchmans Road went to Belmore Road and stopped outside the shopping mall including the supermarket. The replacement 390x does not stop there. Why? The 314 which shared the Frenchmans Road stop with the old 400 has been axed so the access to St Pauls Road and the Ritz Cinema and Dentist etc. is now supposedly the 390x and a long walk. I have had to do this in the pouring rain recently with the only other option being a taxi. Why? As was said last night the communication of information now is appalling. The bad preparation and lack of logic in presenting whatever changes must surely be a copybook example of how not to do it. The Transport Department should examine its self and give itself a fail, which should be of concern to the incumbent government.

I have always driven a car and until this option was removed from me by the cardiologist I was not a big user of public transport. I am fortunate that I can get around fairly easily but am amazed that what was a logical and easy access to the bus system I need is no longer there. Why? I can only assume that the Transport Authority is marching to the budget imperative and not the passenger. What's the logic of that?

Recently the changes to the 339 and the decisions on the 390x have caused me to need to change my general practitioner who formerly was in Randwick but because of my current difficulty in recovering from a hip replacement the walking required is just not possible.