

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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The reduction of buses in the eastern suburbs has had some benefits but mainly the impacts have been negative. There are severely fewer direct services into the CBD which results in more changeovers and longer trips (as would logically be expected). This results in an inconvenience.

Further, where buses are available direct (express services during peak hours only) , buses are forced to travel in the light rail lane which inherently means the buses are constrained by the speed of the light rail and is forced to stop behind the light rail. This seems extremely counterintuitive to having an express bus service.

The best outcome would be to maintain the more frequent services which remain (the ones which are every 10 minutes) but return all the buses which were removed.