

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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In December 2021, the bus route 309 was changed from terminating at Central to terminating at Redfern. As someone who commutes from Banksmeadow/Botany to Central for work, I can not understand why the bus that services my area has been made worse, not better. We are not in an area that has light rail or trains available, and buses are the only way in which we can get into the city. Redfern is not a substitute to Central. Central links to many other transport options, and is closer to the CBD where more people are trying to get to. This reduction of service means I have to change to a train to go one stop further. Walking between the bus and train platforms takes longer than the trip itself, therefore making it an unreasonable alternative. Because of these changes, I now no longer take public transport and work from home. I used to go out and support CBD businesses and restaurants after work and on weekends, none of which I do anymore because of this change to our bus service. I may only be one person, but if you are wanting people to return to the CBD, don't make public transport more difficult. Public transport should only ever get better, not worse.