

**Submission
No 271**

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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I live near the terminus, at Federal Rd. Glebe, of the 431 bus. On last Wednesday evening, 6th April, I walked to the terminus to catch the 17.21 pm bus. It did not arrive. I had to wait for the next bus on the timetable 15 minutes later, at 17.36 pm and therefore was late for my meeting in the CBD. I then attempted to return home starting from 20.30 pm. I waited for more than an hour and no 431 bus came. I saw dozens of other inner-west buses e.g. 433, 470, 440 etc., but not a single 431. As a woman in her 80s I could not walk home and eventually managed to find a very scarce taxi, on that rainy night.

Today these buses are on strike for higher pay, but I can find no explanation of why there were no 431 buses at all after 20.30 pm in the CBD and approximately 22.00 pm at Glebe, when I arrived home by taxi. My address at the junction of Federal and Glebe Point Rd. is:

Such poor service requires an explanation,

Sincerely,

Marion Manton