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Obviously the parliamentarians who organised the whole fiasco of light rail do not live in the Eastern suburbs affected by it. A single bus ride to the city has gone from one vehicle ride to at least 2 - 3 different vehicles and takes approximately 30 - 45 minutes longer. We are also prone to unsavoury weather conditions - how did they ever conceive the skinny overhead shelters would protect you on the light rail platforms.

How are the elderly and disabled people supposed to walk up the hills from George St. to Elizabeth Street? this adds even more time to the trip! Lets face it most of the shopping precinct is in the middle to upper levels of the city - you don't even have a bus service that runs around the middle of the city. Surely there must be some other way like a surcharge on cars travelling through city during the day - I know traffic is a problem, but why take away a service from people who don't drive into the city. Other world cities - much bigger than Sydney don't stop public transport in the heart of their cities, but often have a surcharge on cars through the day. No one is happy about the loss of our bus services and the route changes.