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## INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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I used to be able to take 1 bus, the 348, to Alexandria, and I could walk across the road about 5 minutes before the bus was due at Kemmis & Frenchman's Road, Randwick, and then 25 minutes later I'd be at my destination. Now I have to walk up to Clovelly Road, wait for the X390 to Clara Street and wait for the 348 there, so it's 2 buses. Not only is it 2 buses, it's adding about 20 minutes to my time, as I have to catch the 390x in time to get the 348, and then have to wait for the 348. It's just ridiculous. And don't say the x390 runs every 5-10 minutes in peak hour - I've waited 25 minutes in peak hour on Belmore Road for one to go to Bondi Junction.

I used to take the 339 to Martin Place, as that's the end of town I need to be. Now I have to get out at Central and take another bus, or a train or the light rail. This means again, at least 2 forms of transport, extra waiting time and inconvenience, as well as having to walk in inclement weather.

If the point of removing the 314, 316, 317, 400 and 339 buses was to seriously inconvenience passengers and waste their time, well, you've succeeded in doing that.

My local bus stops on Frenchman's Road have been closed, so I have to walk further now to catch buses. They do NOT necessarily run more frequently, and I really resent having to change buses, when previously I had direct routes to wherever I needed to go.

This is most unfair. I made submissions prior to the decision being made too, and no doubt this one will be ignored in exactly the same way as those were. What's the point of consultation when you just do as you please anyway?

You are NOT acting for the people of NSW with this privatisation. We want our buses back!