

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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I'd like to convey my disappointment and concern about the cuts to our local bus services, particularly the 399 service through Malabar.

Our family of four all get the 399 bus into the city at various times. For families like ours, who live further out near 'the end of the line' – limiting our bus routes will impact our hours of travel exponentially. It will take so much longer to get to work and will be so much more complicated. There has also been concerns with safety when one travels late and having to change buses (a particular concern for me as a mother of a 20 year old daughter who commutes).

Beyond the major increase to Malabar residents' individual travelling time, the bus cutbacks appear to have a compound effect on people further up the line – as those affected by cancellations are parking closer to where they can get direct-to-city buses - to try to keep the transfer time low.

I hope you can reconsider – please – as this will be a huge setback for our local community.

Many thanks,