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## INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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The recent changes to the buses in the Eastern Suburbs.

My child who has foot problems can no longer catch a bus from our local shopping centre to home. The 307 used to leave outside our house and go to Eastgardens. It has ceased to go to Hillsdale. This means I now have to drop and collect him from school, as there is no other way to get here.

I used to catch the bus to work. Now I drive to Kingsford to catch a tram. It takes me an extra hour a day. As long as it's not raining. If it's raining heavily then I can forget getting home at all.

I believe that the state government has forgotten that you are meant to provide services to the community. That essential services like health, education, community and transportation shouldn't be sold off and run for profit. That these services are supposed to be there for all us. So the elderly, the poor, the young and the vulnerable can still get to the shops, to the doctors and visit friends.

Privatisation is not about this. It's about profit and nothing more. It is repugnant that services built up over years have been eroded and all so the buses can be sold off. If you keep going, perhaps we can sell off the government itself.