

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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The privatization of the buses in our area have impacted our family greatly. It is particularly unfortunate that it has forced us to drive many places that we would otherwise have caught the bus to which in turn is going against our wishes to live more sustainably and use our car as minimally as possible.

We used to be able to walk for 2 mins and catch a bus directly into the city, circular quay or central. Now even if the bus/light rail connection takes us where we want to go (which is rare) it is so much slower and not worth it for us. I have 3 children under 7 and the difficulty of getting on and off all of these modes of transport and then having to walk further even once I am there is too difficult. I have stopped using the buses.

The state government has taken away my key mode of transport which was easily accessible and reliable and has replaced it with something which is difficult, less accessible, slower and providing less coverage to the surrounding areas. This goes against working towards lowering carbon emissions and goes against progress and efficiency.