

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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The 303 bus service from either Sans Souci or Mascot shops used to terminate at Circular Quay via the main Anzac Parade entrance to the UNSW. It was very popular with the public.

Then it was modified to finish at Redfern Station.

Now it goes to Barker Street, Randwick, two blocks from the street which ends at the front door of the Prince of Wales Hospital.

Hardly anyone now uses this bus. It no longer goes past the main Anzac Parade entrance to the University of NSW but to a side entrance in Barker Street. This serves no real purpose to all those students who used to use this bus from Mascot and Sans Souci.

Please have this route returned to its original route and destination.

The 301 [now 306] bus used to go from either Eastgardens Shopping Centre or Mascot shops to Circular Quay.

Then it was modified to terminate at Redfern Station too.

Now it has been reduced to a loop service between Mascot Station and Redfern Station. It no longer travels to and from the Eastgardens Shopping Centre.

To travel to Circular Quay, from my place in Eastlakes, I would have just used either the 301 or the 303 buses. After the first change, I had to change buses along their routes and take a second, the 304.

Now, I take the 306 to Mascot Station and then the train. The 303 serves no purpose any more for me.

Our State Government must put "SERVICE" back into "BUS SERVICE".

Unfortunately there is no election until March, 2023. By then, privatisation will be complete and all contracts will be in place. So, whichever opposition party then gains power, will have no way of reversing these cuts.