

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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To Whom it May Concern,

Please reconsider privatising the buses in the Eastern Suburbs or anywhere for that matter. Bus routes have already been changed or stopped completely leaving a transport system that is less than ideal, especially for the more vulnerable members of our community. We can no longer get a bus into the city centre or many other places which results in more people driving. It also means more people travel by car when they come to enjoy the beaches. This has an impact on the roads and car parking. From my experience, privatisation means less buses per route and reduced hours which would exacerbate the problems. I also believe it is important for some public services, which are not necessarily profitable but are crucial for society, to be funded by the government. Buses fall into this category. They are essential! Lastly, we must consider climate change and do all we can to reduce greenhouse emissions. It was fabulous to see an electric bus today. Let's get more of them on the road.