

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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Reinstatement of bus stops to Kingsford Junction

The removal of Kingsford Junction bus stops for Anzac Parade services has created a situation that is discriminating against our elderly and less mobile people in our community. The removal of these bus stops is now denying direct access to essential services, including the Kingsford Medical Centre, Blooms Chemist, and the Commonwealth Bank. People are now expected to alight at the new Tram/Bus interchange and walk back a considerable distance for any individual who is less mobile or frail such as our elderly, especially in the downpours that we have been experiencing lately. They are expected to cross lengthy intersections at the Kingsford nineways, which do not allow them adequate time to cross safely.

I believe that the state Government is being negligent in their duty of care to our community by denying people direct access to essential services and introducing new risks of crossing extensive intersections which may result in unnecessary injury or even death by removing the bus stops from Kingsford Junction.

I urge the immediate reinstatement of these bus stops (both inbound and outbound) as a matter of urgency for our community members who rely on direct access to essential services.

Thank you.