

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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I am a huge fan of public transport, and I believe it's vital for a modern first-world city like Sydney. However, it needs to be a viable option for regular journeys - with considerations to cost, timing, and convenience. I live in Coogee, I travel to the CBD for work and for cultural events, and with the recent bus changes, I am now almost always travelling by Uber. The bus route changes have left me without suitable options - e.g. travelling to and from the Opera House used to be a pleasant 30-40 minute journey direct on the 373. Now that bus does not go to the Opera House, so the choice is a 60+ hr journey with changes, or a direct Uber.

Buses should not be run for profit, they are a public service, and one that is more crucial for certain segments of society that don't have a lot of options. We should be using taxes to subsidise this service, and encourage the use of mass-rapid transport instead of private vehicles on our roads.