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## INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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I write to support the traditional bus network serving Coogee and the eastern suburbs. It has long been universally popular with residents as it does a great job of connecting the eastern suburbs with the city and each other. The hugely UN-popular light rail makes for a terrible replacement (slow and limited) and the proposals to do away with many of our bus routes to force people to use the light rail is an absolute disaster. Older people would have to walk much farther because of the limited stops and poor connections, and all of us would have to wait much longer to reach our destinations (example: currently Coogee to Taylor Square is twenty minutes on a direct bus. This would soar to more than fifty minutes with complicated connections if the original proposal goes through.) We love our buses, they work extremely well - leave them alone!