

## INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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The bus services for the Eastern suburbs are absolutely vital and should not be cut.

As the light rail network only goes so far as Randwick, it does not replace the bus service or support the community in the way that buses do.

As a prime example, my mother is 81 and relies heavily on the buses to connect her to friends and family. As the bus services at her nearest stop are reduced, her only other option is to walk 20-30 mins to get to Randwick for the light rail which she is unable to do. Her once independent lifestyle is now being eradicated.

The buses have been a lifeline for my mother, keeping her and others like her independent and connected. Reducing and removing these services is harmful to so many. Not to mention the increased environmental impact by those needing to take taxis or drive as the buses do not connect people the way they should.

This is a public service that cannot and must not be removed.