

Submission
No 357

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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We have been directly impacted by the change in bus routes around the Eastern Suburbs. Both kids would catch the bus to and from school daily on Bundock Street, towards Waverley and Charing Cross. With both the routes 316 and 317 being cancelled, the replacement service, whilst destination is Bondi Junction, does not go past any of the schools in the Waverley/Charing Cross precinct, including St Caths, Waverley, St Clares. Whilst the original 316 and 317 past these schools, the new 365, goes via York Road, and is not an option for our kids. They now need to walk 1km to get to a bus stop that takes them to school. This seems to make no sense. Our children have gone from being very independent children, who leave the house, walking to the bus stop and getting to school, to now requiring lifts to alternative bus stops to get the bus to school. We are incredibly disappointed, that these buses have been cancelled and no suitable alternative put in place. There are many local kids in the same boat, not to mention adults trying to get to work. We do hope these cancelled routes are reconsidered.

Many thanks and kind regards