

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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I really miss the 257 bus from Garland Street, Naremburn to Balmoral Beach.

I have used this bus regularly travelling to the beach, which is my favourite Sydney beach with long held traditions for our family. I used to sunbake, swim, meet friends, eat at the cafes and restaurants and walk along the promenade and through to the Zoo walk.

Now I seldom see Balmoral Beach as there is no 257 bus to take me there, and the change at Woolworth Crows Nest, is not a direct or speedy one. I miss the activity and the ease of finding such a lovely beach and location to spend weekends and free days at. To drive there is not pleasant, and to park there is either very expensive, or very difficult with few free spots, and if so, a long hilly walk to the beach and back. I am 75 and found the ease of a short walk to the Garland street bus stop extremely convenient, I would like to ask the authorities to consider bringing back that direct bus service from Chatswood to Balmoral Beach.