INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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The recent bus cuts have affected my commute to and from work. I work in hospitality and will often finish anytime between 12 and 2 am. I live in Randwick and my workplace is situated in between Martin Place and Circular Quay. Before the bus cuts, returning home after a shift was easy as the 373 came every half an hour, providing a trip home that was less than 20 minutes. Now the 373 departs from Museum Station (a 20 min walk from my workplace). My other options are to catch a bus to either Bondi Junction or Kensington and then another bus home which is ridiculous as Randwick is so close to the city.

The results of these bus changes is really that single bus trips have become multiple bus trips, providing a huge inconvenience. While I myself am young, I do worry for the elderly community and those with mobility issues that use the bus network as their main method of transport. How is forcing these people to change from bus to bus a benefit to them? It will only add discomfort and inconvenience to their daily commutes.

We need a public transport service that is convenient, realiable and considerate of those who use the service. The service that is being provided now is extremely sub par and it is honestly not only concerning but sickening as well to see the lack of empathy behind these changes.