

HELP SAVE OUR EASTERN SUBURBS BUSES



Dear Friends,

The Eastern Suburbs community is furious at the Liberal-National Government's short sighted decision to privatise our Eastern Suburbs bus services.

By privatising Eastern Suburbs buses, the Premier and her Liberal-National Government are breaking 2 key election promises to the people of the electorate of Coogee:

- 1. The Government would increase existing bus services in the Eastern Suburbs; and**
- 2. The Government would return the 378, a bus that they previously cut.**

We know the moment you privatise public assets, profits come before people. Figures produced by Transport for NSW have revealed that since the Inner West buses have been privatised the punctuality of buses has worsened.

It will be the local routes, taken by everyday people that will be the ones that are really under threat. The buses people take to go to the doctors, the supermarket, the library, hospitals. Privatisation puts at risk these much loved routes whilst also places price pressure on the fares of all of routes still in operation after the privatisation is finalised. In the Inner West we have also seen the distance between bus stops extended, making accessibility much harder for older Australians, as well as those with ailments and accessibility difficulties.

I want to keep our Eastern Suburbs bus services in public hands, protect our much loved buses and hold the Government to account on their pre-election promises. I will not stop fighting to keep our much loved buses and I need your help.

We need 10,000 signatures to force a debate in the Parliament. Please sign the petition included in this letter and ask your friends and family to sign it too.

Petitions can be return postage paid using the enclosed envelope. Thank you for joining the fight to save our buses.

Sincerely,

Marjorie O'Neill MP

Member for Coogee

"The punctuality of buses in Sydney's inner west has worsened since a private company replaced the state-owned operator.." SMH, June 3rd, 2019