

Precinct resolution

PRECINCT: Maroubra Precinct **EMAIL:** maroubraprecinct@gmail.com

MEETING DATE: 05 December 2024 **FILE:** F2018/00317

ACTIONED TO: Joe Ingegneri, Manager Technical Services

RESOLUTION NUMBER: Resolution 05122024(1)

Resolution

Resolution 05122024(1): The Maroubra Precinct Committee notes that previous resolution of erecting a new precinct sign board at Maroubra Beach has still not been installed. The Maroubra Precinct calls on Council to action this matter.

Council comment

A community noticeboard has been erected and is located on the northern side of the Maroubra Surf Club on the promenade.

Council contact

Joe Ingegneri
Manager Technical Services
12 March 2025

Precinct resolution

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ACTIONED TO: Joe Ingegneri, Manager Technical Services

RESOLUTION NUMBER: Resolution 05122024(2)

Resolution

Resolution 05122024(2): The Maroubra Precinct Committee calls on Randwick City Council to make representation to Mr Matthew Thistlethwaite the Federal Member for Kingsford Smith calling for greater community access to the coastal side (Eastern side) of Malabar Headland.

Further the precinct requests a copy of the lease between Federal Government and Anzac Rifle Range.

Council response

The eastern side of the Malabar Headland is part of the Malabar Headland National Park managed by National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS). The restriction to the headland is for safety of the public during operation of the rifle range. This is a requirement that was part of the transfer of the land by the Federal government to the NSW government.

In respect to the lease, a request for a copy of the lease should be made directly with the parties to the lease.

Council contact

Joe Ingegneri

Manager Technical Services

16 May 2025

Precinct resolution

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ACTIONED TO: Joe Ingegneri, Manager Technical Services

RESOLUTION NUMBER: Resolution 05122024(3)

Resolution

Resolution 05122024(3): The Maroubra Precinct Committee calls on Randwick City Council to extend the width of the footpath at the southern side of Mahon Pool near the amenities building (heading north).

Council response

I apologise for the delay in responding to this resolution. Based on the description of the location, it appears that the path in question is the path that leads from the Amenities building to the southern side of the rock pool as per the aerial photograph below.



Due to the topography and the underlying rock of the coastal area, the request will require planning and resourcing.

We will add the request to the list of works for consideration in a future capital works program. However, as there was no supporting information submitted with the request, we will have to gauge the need for the widening and prioritise the work accordingly.

Council contact

Joe Ingegneri

Manager Technical Services

20 May 2025

Precinct resolution

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ACTIONED TO: Joe Ingegneri, Manager Technical Services

RESOLUTION NUMBER: Resolution 05122024(4)

Resolution

Resolution 05122024(4): The Maroubra Precinct Committee request the installation of filtered water bubbler in and around the Mahon Pool Precinct.

Council response

Council officers are currently developing a plan for installation of water fountains in our open spaces. This request will be added to the list for consideration in future capital works programs.

Council contact

Joe Ingegneri
Manager Technical Services
16 May 2025

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PRECINCT: Maroubra Precinct **EMAIL:** maroubraprecinct@gmail.com

MEETING DATE: 05 December 2024 **FILE:** F2018/00317

ACTIONED TO: Tony Lehmann, Manager Integrated Transport

RESOLUTION NUMBER: Resolution 05122024(5)

Resolution

Resolution 05122024(5): The Maroubra Precinct Committee notes the deterioration of public transport (that being bus services) in and around the Randwick City Council area as a result of changes made in December 2021 and now calls on Randwick City Council to seek feedback from the community and other precinct groups in relation to this matter and report any concerns to our local State Members of Parliament.

Council response

The Council has, for many years now, expressed concerns to the Minister for Transport regarding bus changes and bus cuts. Please be assured that the Council is well aware of the views of many community members regarding the changes in bus services imposed upon us by Transport for NSW. The Council has passed many resolutions against the changes. We made strong representations to TfNSW on behalf of the community. And the Mayor and I appeared before a NSW Parliamentary Upper House enquiry into the Privatisation of Bus Services.

- Click [here](#) to view the final report
- Within the report search for “Parker” to find matters relevant to Mayor Dylan Parker’s statements / submissions
- Click [here](#) to view all information regarding this hearing).

For the information of the Precinct executive and the Precinct members, I have attached, on the following pages, copies of representations regularly made to the State Government about bus service changes.

We will continue to utilise opportunities as they arise, to press TfNSW regarding bus services - on behalf of our residents.

Council contact

Tony Lehmann
Manager Integrated Transport

22 May 2025

Parliament of New South Wales
Legislative Council
Parliament House, Macquarie Street Sydney NSW,
2000 Australia

31 March 2022

Ref No: **D04295325**

Dear Representatives of Upper House Committees,

RE: Randwick City Council Submission on new inquiry into the privatisation of bus services

Randwick City Council appreciate this opportunity to provide input into the new inquiry into the privatisation of the bus services.

The Randwick community places significance importance on public transport within the LGA including busses. The no.1 key theme arising from the community consultation, undertaken in early 2020, for the Integrated Transport Study was:

"Randwick residents love their buses."

As such Randwick City Council have a keen interest on the South-East bus changes, privatisation of bus services and its impact on our community.

Our residents have deep concerns in relation to the losses in bus services to any part of the CBD as a result of the Light Rail service. TfNSW have recently announced commencement on proposed bus services changes in the South-East of Sydney and now a new inquiry has been established on 4 February 2022 on the privatisation of bus services. This has raised some apprehension from the community and the Council, which will be outlined in this letter.

Our submission, which is attached to this letter, provides recommendations aimed at ensuring public transport's role in providing an essential to the community and the impact that has/may be caused from the bus changes and privatisation is given due consideration in this review.

Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Integrated Transport, Manager – Tony Lehmann (02) 02 9093 6559.

Yours sincerely,



Tony Lehmann
Manager Integrated Transport

BACKGROUND

From October 2012, when Infrastructure NSW announced the extension of Sydney's light rail network, from Central to Moore Park and into Randwick, the Council has been regularly asking Transport for NSW about how local bus services may be impacted by introduction of the light rail service. In parallel to this Council has been undertaking numerous community consultation to better understand Community needs in relation to public transport. The no.1 key theme arising from the community consultation, undertaken in early 2020, for the Integrated Transport Study was:

"Randwick residents love their buses."

Within the Randwick community there is a very high usage of public transport, especially buses. It plays a significant role in reducing on road congestion, promote green travel option and connect communities. Our residents have a deep concern about loss of bus services to any part of the CBD as a result of the Light Rail service which was a clear outcome from the community consultation. Regardless, a number of bus changes have occurred since the extension of the light rail. A high-level timeline of the recent changes is as follows:

- On October 2019, the NSW Government announced the planned privatisation of Sydney's remaining public bus routes including in the eastern suburbs.
- On 6 May 2021, TfNSW announced commencement of consultation with the community on proposed bus services changes in the South East of Sydney. It was advised that "the new light rail has changed how customers in the South East travel into and out of the CBD, providing modern, turn-up-and-go services."
- On December 2021, significant changes were made to bus services in the eastern suburbs with 25 bus routes removed and 23 bus routes modified.

There are several concerns raised by Council officers and the Randwick community over the changes proposed. This will be further outlined in the letter below.

OUR CONCERNS

Randwick City Council has significant concerns over the privations of bus services and the changes to the bus services. There have already been a large number of rallies and petitions within the community as the changes are perceived to be unsustainable and against public interest. The concerns mainly relate to:

- Reduced efficiency of bus services
- Reduced frequency of bus services
- Reduced upkeep and maintenance
- Risk of fare increases
- Risk of losses to employment

With the significant bus service changes already taking place with 25 bus routes removed and 23 bus routes modified, the Randwick community is already significantly impacted on their daily commutes. The changes have led to the following impacts to the community:

1. Reduced access to services for customers located along a withdrawn/modified route.
2. Reduced frequency of service due to withdrawn and/or modified services; and
3. Reduced directness of service due to withdrawn and/or modified services.

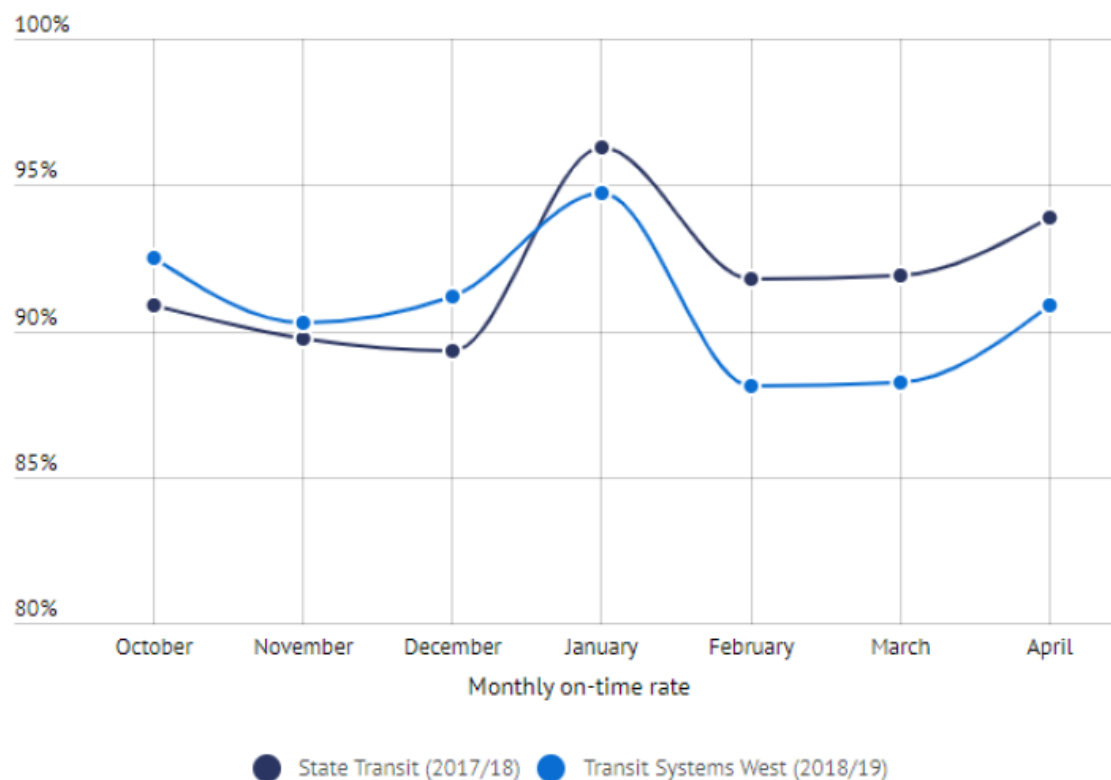
With the privatisation of bus services, there are clear evidence and case studies in Australia and around the world of the negative impacts on public transport services, with reduced service

efficiency and frequency being a key outcome. A key concern with privatisation is the risk and the ability for the company to prioritise profitable routes and discontinue or reduced services that do not generate the same revenues.

Furthermore, there have been many case studies which have shown an immediate decline in performance of bus service performance post privatisation of services. One such example is the Inner West bus privatisation for “region six” a recent article by ‘Sydney Morning Herald’ quotes “data from NSW’s transport agency shows the private operator, Transit Systems, has failed to beat the key performance measure of 95 per cent of buses running on time every month since it took over the contract in July” 2018. The graph below clearly articulates the impact on performance once ‘Transit System West’ have taken over from State government. It shows the decline in bus performance before and after privatisation. Similar trends have emerged in the Hunter and other regions of NSW, Australia and worldwide including privatisation of busses in London.

Region six buses on-time performance

Transport for NSW target for buses on-time is 95 per cent.



Source: Transport for NSW. Buses on-time running

As the community has expressed significant concerns about these changes to bus services. As a result, Council writes this letter to on behalf of its residents and workers to Upper House Committees to reconsider the changes to the bus services and its privatisation. Based on the concerns and risks outlined above, Council does not support the privatisation of buses and have outlined key recommendations for the consideration of the Upper House Committee.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Randwick community have been significantly impacted by the recent proposed bus services changes in the South East of Sydney. The changes include the removal of 25 bus routes and 23 bus routes modified resulting in indirect commutes. The privatisation of the bus services will further impact the Randwick community. There are high risks of impact to frequency, efficiency, upkeep, fare increases and job losses. As such, Randwick City Council seek to make the following recommendation to Upper House Committees for their close consideration.

1. Randwick City Council does not support the proposal for privatisation of the bus services due to reasons outlined in the letter. Randwick request to omit this proposal and revert back to the current State ownership and operation of the bus services within region nine.
2. Randwick City Council requests to reconsider the bus changes retain public ownership and re-instate all modified and cancelled bus routes in region nine not supported by the Council.
3. Randwick City Council requests for further investigation and funding options for local councils to implement sustainable public transport options (such as local public loop buses) to support their community.



The Hon Rob Stokes MP
Minister for Transport and Roads
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

04 November 2021

Ref No: D04389067

Dear Minister

On behalf of Randwick City Council, I write to express concerns regarding the announcement that bus route and timetable changes will be in place from 5 December 2021, including the cut of 24 Eastern Suburbs bus routes. This is in addition to the 6 bus services that have already been cut across the East.

Randwick City Council is strongly opposed to the cuts and modifications to bus routes impacting our community. Council has continuously expressed strong concerns regarding cuts and modifications to bus services and have called on the State Government to listen to the Community's concerns and feedback.

On 30 May 2021, hundreds of people rallied in High Cross park to voice their outrage at the cuts being made to their local bus network. We heard some powerful stories from concerned community members, local business owners and local university students, all of whom will be hugely impacted by the cuts to their bus services.

It is near impossible to believe that the community supports these cuts. I request the urgent release of the raw data from the community consultation and call on the Government to listen to the community's concerns.

Randwick City Council will continue to oppose the cuts and seek the retention of our bus services.

Please consider this an urgent appeal to you to reverse this NSW Liberal Government decision. I implore you to save our buses.

Yours sincerely

Cr Dylan Parker
Mayor



The Hon Andrew Constance MP
Minister for Transport and Roads
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

01 June 2021
Ref No: D04226534

Dear Minister

Opposition to cuts and modifications to local Bus Routes

The recent announcement that bus routes in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs are to be cut or modified, has brought great concern to our residents.

Randwick City Council strongly opposes the cuts and modifications to the proposed bus routes. More than 20 bus routes will be cut from Sydney's Eastern Suburbs and another 23 will be modified. This will affect hundreds of Randwick residents, especially students, the aged and infirm.

Residents will be impacted both financially and logistically with the removal of bus routes resulting in longer and more expensive routes. In a time when there is a will to increase public transport use to combat greenhouse gas emissions, traffic congestion and parking issues, this will force our residents to take to their cars.

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I request a meeting with you to discuss the cuts and inconvenience caused to our residents. Please contact my Executive Assistant, Kylee Cragg on 9093 6813 or at mayor@randwick.nsw.gov.au to arrange a mutually suitable time to meet.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this important issue. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

Cr Danny Said
Mayor

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