

The Hon. Andrew Constance MP
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

9 June 2021

RE: Changes to Route 370 Bus

Dear Minister Constance,

I write as the President of the Sydney Secondary College (Leichhardt) P&C, on behalf of the parents of the school, to express our concern about changes to the Route 370 Bus.

SSCL is a co-educational, comprehensive and selective school in Leichhardt. Our catchment area relevantly includes Glebe and Forest Lodge. Our selective students come from all over the inner west, city and south. In particular, we have a significant cohort of students who attend the school from South Newtown, Erskineville, Alexandria, Zetland and surrounds who use the 370 bus to travel to our school in Leichhardt and who will be impacted by the proposed changes. There are around 20-30 students who use the bus from a point south of the proposed new termination point at the University of Sydney, twice a day, five days a week.

I ask that you reconsider the changes which will see our students have to change busses at the University of Sydney. The proposed new termination point will require our students to leave home earlier to change routes, navigate a complex and busy traffic intersection at the corner of Broadway and City Rd and arrive home later. Earlier departure times and the potential of missed connections may mean students miss their sports or music practice, or our breakfast club, which does not set them up for a day of positive learning. Late arrivals home will impact on care of siblings and extra curricular activities.

I ask that you take this feedback during the consultation period and reconsider these changes. I note there is no morning school special bus, however, there is a school special in the afternoon which terminates at Newton Station. As such, an alternative solution may be to institute a school special which replaces the whole of Route 370 morning and afternoon for students travelling to Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt.

Feel free to reach me below with any return advice.

Kind regards
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