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Newman Slashes Local Bus Services

The Newman State Government's review of south-east Queensland bus services is now a harsh reality for residents of the inner southern and south western suburbs.

Councillor for Tennyson Ward, Nicole Johnston, said the Newman Government's decision to cut the 104, 107 and 108 routes servicing the suburbs of Sherwood, Graceville, Tennyson, Yeerongpilly, Yeronga and Fairfield was short-sighted and stupid.

"Despite living up to 2kms from their nearest rail station, many residents, including those at a local retirement village, will be left with no bus service at all," Councillor Johnston said.

"Elderly residents can't access local rail stations because of steep stairs, long walking distances and inadequate car parking. Often their only means of transport, to shops and doctors, is by bus."

"I'm shocked at the sense of disruption and pain these changes will cause particularly to elderly residents and school students who no longer have a local bus service. No universal access and now no bus."

Two years ago the Bligh Government cut Tennyson rail line services and now the Newman State Government has dumped the 104 replacement bus services.

"It is the elderly travelling to hospitals and shops, and school students heading to St Laurence's, Corinda State High, St Aiden's, Brisbane State High and Somerville House who will be hardest hit by this senseless decision," Councillor Johnston said.

Councillor Johnston said extending the 196 Buz route to Yeronga West was great but all bus services in Yeerongpilly and Yeronga East including to Yeronga State School, Yeronga High School and the Endeavour Foundation had been cut.

"I am calling on the Lord Mayor to oppose these reckless changes. He said he did not support any cuts to Brisbane City Council bus routes. Now is the time to see if he has any backbone or whether he will roll over and play dead for Campbell Newman."

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