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Minister of Transport
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Dear Minister,

On behalf of the 2011 Residents' Association, and in particular the residents of Elizabeth Bay, I would like to thank you for your interest and concern during our fight to retain the 311 bus route in 2009.

However, as you are aware the 311 bus route was truncated at Ithaca Road in Elizabeth Bay and at Gresham Street at Circular Quay. This has meant that residents in the loop of Ithaca Rd, Billyard Ave and Onslow Ave can no longer catch the 311 bus. This has had a major impact on the activities of our elderly residents, some of whom can no longer leave their homes and get to the local shops. A small community bus was promised for these residents, but the timing and frequency is not a satisfactory replacement.

The termination of the 311 bus at Gresham St is also a key concern as residents and tourists can no longer easily access the key transport hub at Circular Quay. There are no transport linkages, particularly at night, when tourists and residents are reluctant to walk several blocks from Circular Quay in the dark in order to get to the bus stop in Gresham St, where they are required to wait in an area without much passing traffic or security.

We request that you, as the NSW Transport Minister, reinstate public transport to the residents of Elizabeth Bay, as the 311 bus route is critical for residents to access the local area and Circular Quay. The residents of Kings Cross, Elizabeth Bay, Rushcutters Bay, Woolloomooloo and Potts Point, who live in the most densely populated area of Sydney, expect the best public transport services to serve this important area.

We look forward to hearing from you and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss our concerns about public transport in and out of the 2011 area.

Yours faithfully,

Lucas Crabtree
President
2011 Residents Association