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— Catherine Jefferies, Eastlakes

No change in service

IT'S great to know some things never change (in response to Rusty O'Brien's comments regarding Eastlakes' bus services, Opinion, February 23).

Luckily for me, I have not travelled on the 301 or 303 bus service for the past two years due to work and family commitments. It's great to know the service has not changed!

I even sent a letter to my local member (and now Premier) highlighting these deficiencies.

Still, look on the bright side... at least the service is consistent.

John Burnett
Apex Australia



In favour of nudity

YES. Little Congwong beach should be nude ("Barely legal", *Courier*, February 23).

Calls for nudists to use Cobblers and Obelisk beaches are unfair as there's no public transport for them on weekends. Nor are they safe for swimming. Little Congwong is.

Nudity is a positive and healthy lifestyle promoting peace and happiness. Both nudists and the broader community have had enough and it's time the beach was gazetted "clothing optional".

Stuart Baanstra
Mascot

Ridiculous raid

SO our police have nothing better to do on a sunny Sunday than tell people to put their clothes on at the beach.

You would think that the City of Randwick was now free of crimes of assault, robbery and vandalism.

Whoever ordered the ridiculous raid at Little Congwong should be educated about the priorities of policing and informed that it is 2010, not 1960.

Kel Joaquin-Byrne
Randwick

Traffic problems

RE: New Port Botany train service a dud, council says.

The traffic congestion is a bigger

LETTER OF THE WEEK

Terrible bus services

I have been a resident in Eastlakes for six years.

The bus services are terrible, always late. I wrote to our local member, Kristina Keneally, regarding this more than two years ago. And two years later, no result.

The politicians are just buck passing in terms of this expensive, inefficient bus service.

My husband now has bought a Vespa to use to travel to and from work. Although there is an initial outlay, it's cheaper to run in the long term than buying expensive bus and train tickets and my husband gets to keep his job as he is now on time for work.

Shame about the gas emissions, but perhaps Ms Keneally could consider the reality of what happens



as a result of ignoring important issues in her next proposal for public transport.

Catherine Jefferies
Eastlakes

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problem than previously thought.

Port Botany is the largest container port in Australia and handles one third of the total Australian shipping trade. The number of containers moving through the port is expected to more than double to 3.6 million in less than two decades.

The existing road share of port containers results in 3000 truck movements a day, transporting containers to and from origins and destinations around Sydney.

The proposed new AMCOR mill development would increase the production to 370,000 tonnes per year.

This will result in a further increase of 500 semitrailer movements a day and this will make the traffic congestion even worse.

Joe Frank
Online reader

Trains not the answer

RE: New Port Botany train service a dud, council says. With the expansion of Port Botany and the proposed redevelopment of the AMCOR mill, the number of heavy trucks in the

area will increase significantly. The experts estimate that the volume will increase to 500 heavy vehicles a day, mainly through M5, Botany Rd, McCauley St and Marrickville.

The city is about to be crippled by an influx of container trucks.

I couldn't agree more with the Botany Bay Council claims that the increased truck movements will kill Sydney traffic.

The new train service with the capacity of moving 100 containers a day is not the answer to an average of 5600 shipping containers passing through Port Botany every day.

This simply translates into two million container movements each year, a rate growing at 6 per cent a year.

There is no clear overarching plan to efficiently manage the huge growth in freight movement for the metropolitan Sydney area.

Graham Hyden
Online reader

Orica update

I read with some amusement the Orica Botany update in the *Southern*

Courier (February 23), where Orica reports that the residential bore testing has revealed that while they were only testing for toxins ICI or Orica have polluted the groundwater with, other pollution has now been detected.

It didn't take long for these BS artists to play the old chestnut: it was not us, must be some other polluter.

Despite already admitting that it will take 100 years to fix the groundwater they have destroyed, it's not taken two years to start the slippery manoeuvring to position an excuse.

Did anyone else notice that despite having the federal Minister for the Environment and state Premier in our electorate, these environmental destroyers have such gall - oh, and what an absolute failure the supposed guardian watchdogs in the EPA or DECC (as they're now called) are?

They have been a total failure.

Can anyone tell me if they know of any company in this area being prosecuted for the air, noise, odour, water discharge or trade waste that we are all subjected to?

Craig Wunsch
Pagewood



The Garrett affair

RE: The sacking of Peter Garrett.

I don't know what the fuss is all about: a career as a rock star is excellent preparation for life as a federal minister.

Don't you love Labor's Canberra celebrities? Roll on election time!

Robert Martin
Online reader

Cr Andrews

IT seems incomprehensible that Randwick councillor Anthony Andrews could claim his present predicament is a result of a Labor Party smear campaign (*Courier*, February 23).

Cr Andrews has ignored a request from Randwick Council that he stands down from his position until his charges, relating to a domestic dispute, are heard in Waverley Local Court on May 3.

Despite his advising council on Tuesday, February 9 that he would be taking a month's leave, he turned up the following Tuesday for the full council meeting.

What does the Labor Party have to do with all this?

Name supplied
Randwick

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