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The Translink report is an attempt to mislead the Minister and the public

In response to the South-East Queensland busway review, David Matters, Assistant Secretary Rail Tram and Bus Union Queensland lashed out at the review for attempting to mislead the Minister and the public.

The review into Public Transport contains hidden privatisations and is a hidden attack on the Brisbane City Council Bus Services.

A major bus route along the South-East busway with massive patronage is slated for removal.

The 111 service on the South-East busway is to be axed although this information is carefully hidden in the 101 page report.

Other services are to be eliminated on the basis of arguing against duplication of services, these include the services to South-Western Brisbane around poorer suburbs such as Acacia Ridge and Forest Lake who will lose direct access to the city.

Instead of fixing the congestion around the Cultural Centre the report proposes to eliminate services from this area. This will lead to longer delays.

Combination of runs and services will cause more people to travel for longer to get home.

Some of the public will lose access to bus services as these will be re-routed.

The danger is that this policy if implemented will continue the spiral away from Public Transport that poor pricing policies have led to.

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