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Your submission for this review:

I write to oppose the proposed increases to the fares on the Palm Beach Ferries route from Palm Beach to Great Mackerel Beach. This service is absolutely essential for residents of Mackerel it is barely adequate as it is, with a lack of seating and often overcrowded in summer, but it is our lifeline. To now increase the fares by the astronomical percentages proposed way beyond the CPI rises on public transport would mean many residents of water-access only Mackerel Beach will be unable to actually afford to make the journey. The government has an obligation to ensure that public transport (which is what this ferry is to the residents of Great Mackerel Beach not a recreational or tourist service, but transport used to get to work, go to school, access services and buy food is as affordable as possible as the government ensures on other forms of public transport for all residents of NSW. The fare rises being sought up to 2030 are excessive and should they be approved many resident workers will be paying in excess of \$160 week in 2030 to make the five minute journey to and from Palm Beach each day just to access the bus for their onward journey to work. As it is almost certain that these disproportionate fare increases will not be matched by any greater regularity or quality of the service,, they should not be accepted.