

To whom it may concern,

I have read with concern the proposal to limit the discount on weekly and other periodical tickets to 20%.

Most people use the train for a combination of price and convenience reasons.

I take the train from Picton to Sydney because it is cheaper than driving. It is **not** more convenient, taking approximately 45 minutes per day longer than driving.

If the proposed fare increase is imposed, then not only will my custom be lost by Cityrail, but I and many others like me will use the already congested roads to commute.

Sydney needs more people to use public transport, not less. Public transport can rarely compete on convenience so it must compete on price.

I do not believe that there is sufficient price elasticity to allow such a large increase in fares, certainly not on the longer commuter routes.

Yours faithfully,

Miles Irving