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Submission: If greater fairness is one of the aims of the current review, I believe (as a Senior myself) that certain aspects of the OPAL all-day maximum of \$2.50 is at the expense of regular fare-payers. That is, they are unduly subsidising us!

The change I propose is for trips beyond the limits of greater Sydney, it should be \$5.

Presently, I can start early by train to Newcastle and back, then from Central do the same to Kiama, and on return from there board a return to Katoomba and finish off with a tram to Circular Quay to catch a ferry to Manly... all for \$2.50. I concede it's an exaggerated (but feasible) example, where the fare differential is enormous.

My proposal is that the \$2.50 fare cut out at Emu Plains, Berowra, Campbelltown and Cronulla/Waterfall; i.e. the Cityrail network. Excursions passengers to further afield on Intercity Link services should pay a more reasonable fare. \$5 is still a bargain. No-one is going to use their car to save money!

Of course some will protest, but I think the reasonableness of change is unarguable in any review circumstances; but particularly if more fairness to all public transport users is the objective.

Thank you for consideration of my submission... where I will pay more if it's implemented, but feel it's only right that I do so.

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Your staff could make, I am sure, the necessary adjustments for non-urban customers.