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Submission: Sydney's public transport fares are confusing especially for tourists and visitors. The best solution, in my opinion, is zone-based fares as used in Brisbane and Melbourne. This would make public transport simpler and fairer for everyone. The current fare bands eg. Bus 1-3, Train 1-5, Ferry 1-2 are based on the old MyZone Magnetic strip ticketing system. The bands/zones should increase to at least 10-20 zones. Each zone should have a radius distance of 3-5km.

Peak fares should apply on all modes of public transport. Public transport fares in NSW are extremely cheap and should be increased. Bus fare band 3 for trips 8+ km and train fare band 5 for trips 65+ km allows passengers to travel long distances for a small amount of money eg. Goulburn to Newcastle whereas a passenger traveling from Katoomba to Central pays the exact same fare.

Free travel for students should be abolished and replaced with a daily cap of \$2. This is to keep it fair for everyone. School students take up space for free. NSW is the only state that provides free public transport to school students.

Child, Concession and Pensioner fares should be different.

Preserve the \$2.50 Pensioner Daily Cap.