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Submission: I would like to express my concerns in relation to the new Sydney Rail proposed changes.

I travel Mon to Friday to work, Mascot to Central, on the train.

After reading the proposed changes and recalculating my travel expenditure, it has come to my attention that my travel costs would be doubled as a result of these new changes.

Because of the increased costs of using public transport and the removal of the "free trips after 8 journeys", these changes will not encourage me to use public transport but to consider alternative forms of travel (including driving as it turns out to be cheaper even taking into consideration petrol and parking costs). Public transport was seen as a viable option because it was easy to access from where I live and seen as having reasonable costs. With the proposed changes noted in the draft report, I am sceptical about the claims that the fare arrangements will "(1) encourage the efficient use of public transport, (3) encourage greater use of public transport, (4) minimise impact on customers".

I hope that IPART takes submissions from regular public transport users, like me, into careful consideration in their recommendations for fare arrangements.