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Submission: I believe that public transport should be charged based on the distance of travel. There should not be an extra cost for changing between one mode of transport to another (ie, bus to train).

The extra cost being applied now is driving inefficiencies. For instance, I know people who take a bus all the way to the city from Bondi instead of transferring to the train to save on cost.

In my case I have an Opal card and live in North Bondi. I save on transport cost by using a travel ten for the bus to Bondi Junction and the Opal card for the train from Bondi Junction to the city. Only on Fridays when I get free Opal travel do I use the Opal card for both the bus and train. It's inefficient for me to buy a travel ten but I do it because I save something like 20 cents (can't remember the exact amount) on each bus trip. I would rather use my Opal card, but the extra cost adds up so I opt to save the money.