

Mister Harmstorf,

Your comment in the SMH 24 January 2016 "Opal fare system needs to change to make fairer for everyone" is not welcomed. You are an employee of IPART and it is a blatant commercial for your "recommended" changes and increases in fares. It is quite easy to close the loophole, but you have recommended tinkering with the whole system. Your assessment of a \$15 fare cost to provide the service indicates how inefficient the system is.

The public transport role is to deliver taxpayers in a safe, clean, affordable and on time environment, so she or he can be productive, and bringing them home in similar fashion to spend time with the family instead collapsing from day's exhaustion. It is an institutionalised shame and scam removing the options for commuters and pushing them into either too expensive public transport or ever increasingly expensive toll operating roads.

IPART is calling itself independent, but I rarely remember that your organisation has gone against the silent wishes of your masters. They are later on hiding behind these so called independent findings. I am quite certain that in a few months your boss, this very well known champion of independence and fair go, will start moaning about, formerly electricity, and now water and gas prices in reference to the world prices. This is NSW and stop worrying about the world unless one is using it to gain advantage in "recommendations". Obviously it will happen after the Federal Health Minister will justify in April the premium hike for the private health funds to be increased by the value of CPI, inflated by the federal excise taxes and mentioned health funds premium, plus the cost of new technologies. It is absolutely pathetic.

I will get back to you after public transport fare review on 5 February.

Yours sincerely

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