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The tribunal has recommended creating integrated fares so that people can more easily change between buses, trains etc without being charged trice. I agree this is a good idea

I agree there should be a bigger discount for off peak travel which should further encourage people to travel off peak where they are able

As a family we like to take advantage of the \$2.50 cap on Sundays. I would like to see this maintained, and possibly extended to Saturdays. I do not think the cap should be increased from \$2.50 – as a family of four, any increase in price would make it more cost effective for us to drive.

The tribunal has called for an increase in the per kilometre rate so that commuters travelling longer distances would pay more. I strongly disagree with this. People who live further away should be encouraged to use public transport, not discouraged. Buses in particular can be long and slow for long trips – you should not be encouraging people off public transport for long trips. With house prices so high in Sydney, people are having to live further away from the centre than they would prefer – they should not be penalised even more for this by having to pay more in transport costs.

Other comments

Discounts should be available for delayed trips. My trip from Wollongong to Central was delayed by an hour and was very inconvenient, yet I still had to pay the same fare.