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Submission: The fee of public transport should be kept the same (or even lower) so people will choose to use public transport over private cars, which maximises the public resource utility, protects the environment and reduces the massive traffic congestion. It might be costly to run and maintain public transport, however there is still great potential to make profit in other ways rather than just simply increasing the fee, such as commercial advertisements inside and outside of carriages, which is quite common in other large and modern cities. People won't mind a few ads if they can help to keep the public transport affordable. Raising prices of public transport will only bring more cars to the roads. We should incentivise public transport not only to solve traffic but to be a more sustainable city.

Free use of public transport after 8 journeys encourages people to use public transport for the rest of the week, rather than opting for private cars after. Those extra cheap trips don't cost the State Government any extra as the same number of trains, busses and ferries are still running anyway. The amount of people who "game" the system is far less than those who use it responsibly and are happy to forego their cars and use public transport instead.

Increasing the daily and weekly maximum limit will hurt those who use public transport often, live far in the outskirts of Sydney, and students and senior citizens.

However, the multi-modal fare structure is a good idea. Introducing quarterly, or yearly passes for regular customers is another suggestion.

The worst idea is changing (tripling) the \$2.50 Sunday cap. Many families use this as an opportunity to explore the city, and surrounding areas, and in doing so, spend money. The new proposed \$7.20 fare will deter many families from travelling together as it will become too expensive, especially with larger families. Families will then prefer to drive cars, adding more traffic and emissions.