

Submission to IPART – Public Transport Fares in Sydney and Surrounds

Issues Paper

I do agree with the proposed assessment criteria. The ones that I think are most important are:

- Encouraging the efficient use of public transport because people can make efficient choices between private transport (driving a car) and public transport. People will be able to decide whether to travel peak or off-peak where there are discounts.
- Minimises impact on customers because I believe that people who make the same type of journeys are paying the same fares and is affordable.

I do see value in making fares more integrated as it would encourage greater use of public transport and making it more affordable.

The type of integration I support is full integration, as I believe it would encourage people to take the most efficient route on public transport.

I wouldn't continue to support full fare integration if it means fares for some journeys had to rise because I believe that there should be only slight rises in fares to maintain affordability.

I support slightly increasing fares for longer distances, which would allow fares for shorter distances to be lower.

A distance based fare structure is more important to me as it would make it easier for fare calculation.

I would support a flat fare in the inner part of Sydney and distance based fares outside this zone.

I think that an off-peak discount should apply to other modes as well. I wouldn't support it if it meant peak fares for these modes need to rise.

The definition of peak times should be longer. I believe that the current peak times are peak times for bus, ferry and light rail services.

I don't see value in having peak fares applying only for one direction and I don't see value in peak fares being replaced with a peak surcharge for journeys that enter the CBD in the morning and exit the CBD in the afternoon/evening.

I would support fares in the peak being slightly expensive and cheaper in the off-peak. If they were, I would not change my current travel patterns because I travel mostly in the off peak.

I don't currently receive any benefit from the weekly and daily caps. I do benefit from the weekly travel reward. I think that the current discounts are reasonably fair.

I wouldn't support discounted fares on more services if it meant that free trips would be unable to be used during peak times.

I don't support a higher peak travel charge on concession tickets (e.g. gold opal card).