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Submission: I object to the fare increases particularly the removal of free travel after 10 free trips rather than 8 and the increase in cap for Sunday travel.

The aim of the government should be to encourage the use of public transport. This is a good thing. If revenue is required to be recouped, it should be done by other means. Making public transport more expensive will mean people would take the most convenient route. For example, it would be cheaper for my family to travel by car into the city, pay a parking fee than to travel on public transport. This option would be more attractive to me because I can leave whenever I want and having young kids it is more convenient. If the fares stay reasonable, that is \$2.50, it is more likely I would take the trip by bus.

Has the report taken into consideration the economics of it? I work 5 days a week, sure I earn money, but with a large mortgage, and paying for childcare (up to \$1300 a week), there is not much left. Every bit counts. If costs increase it might be better for me to not work at all - would that be better for the economy and better for the government that I stay at home and get centrelink payments? Also the impact on congestion as people choose to drive rather than take public transport and peoples wellbeing caused by longer commute times? Also deliveries and other business road users?

I see this draft report is about recovering money rather than meeting your stated objective of "encourage greater use of public transport". Think of the bigger picture! The role of the government is not to make money but to make decisions and provide services for the common good.