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Submission: I simply cannot believe that IPART can possibly propose something like this.

Not because of the general fare increases (that is reasonable and ought to have been done every year anyway in line with inflation), but because of the poor decision to take away the free trips after 8 paid trips. That "discount" was given to us to compensate for the abolition of the paper tickets, where we no longer get the discount for buying monthly, quarterly in advance, which makes sense, for an average commuter we get charged 8 paid trips so by end of Thursday we would have got Friday free.

As for the new proposed change, we have to be charged for 10 most expensive trips, before we get any free ones. Seriously, will anyone still benefit from that, given that most of us in a full time work only travels to and from work, ie. 10 times a week? What is the government trying to achieve out of this? Discouraging people to take public transport? (It would certainly for me and my family, as our fares will increase by almost 50% after this change. How about people with family members who works at different hours and and different locations? Car pool isn't even one of the options, they will have to suck it up??

The removal of the \$2.50 cap for Sundays "to encourage more people taking public transport" is also ridiculous as it sounds. How can an increased cap be encouraging?