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Submission: This review has considered a number of the failings of the current system, in particular the issue for Northern beaches customers who have been severely impacted by the discontinuation of the direct bus service to central, and who must change transport modes to complete their journey. However in considering the pricing, the review fails to consider the wider issue of removing traffic congestion on the spit/military road corridor when setting the commuter fare for the Manly ferry. The cost to the RMS/STA, and to NSW of funneling this extra traffic onto the road rather than the uncongested harbour should not be underestimated.

The commute from the peninsula is very price conscious, and with public transport taking a longer time than travel in a private vehicle, there needs to be a significant advantage to push people toward use of bus and ferry.

It is good to see that the stupidity of forcing people to make a lunchtime trip one bus stop has been recognized. With the data captured by the Opal cards, it would be interesting to see people's preferred modes of transport (I. e. Those used at the end of the week, compared to the travel patterns at the start of the week, where multitude travel was cost - prohibitive.