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1. Sydney Train fares are amongst the highest in the world.
 2. Long distance commuters should be encouraged rather than being discouraged to use public transport. This new structure unfairly targets people living in outer suburbs.
 3. Sydney is not just about north, eastern or inner west suburbs. Majority of low/middle income earners live in these outer suburbs and putting this price rise is going to dent their monthly budgets.
 4. Wasn't it Gladys Berejiklian then the transport minister who challenged the people by saying " Beat the OPAL system if you can ". Now why this U turn?.
 5. If they want the system fairer why not for all. Why is that a trip from Westmead to Parramatta cost 3.70c and the distance from Westmead to Central Station cost 4.80c. Why not have a proper km based approach and then cap it to a reasonable maximum per week?.
 6. Why is the 5% inflation rate assumed in your report, greater than the known 2.6-2.8% per annum inflation rate (<http://www.statista.com/statistics/271845/inflation-rate-in-australia/>)?.
 7. The train fares are not proportional to rise in people's incomes.
 8. Why is Sydney Trains not accountable for internal wastage, like failed IT projects etc other avoidable expenditure. This leads them to ask more money in terms of fare rises.
 9. Why is that Melbourne able to offer public transport services at a much lower cost as compared to Sydney?.
 10. Why is Sydney Train not accountable for delays on its network?. The keep raising money but not improve their efficiency?.

Some of these concerns are very common for commuters and I hope my email in some way will reach the people who make these decisions.

Thanks & regards,
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