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Submission: It appears that people who have to travel a long distance each day, or who can travel on just one conveyance, or who can take advantage of travelling outside of peak periods obtain the best value from the Opal card system.

For example, one of my colleagues commutes from Dapto to Parramatta (a distance of around 80 kms point to point) every day outside of peak time, and he pays \$5.81 each way (\$46.40 per week).

But, I travel from Padstow to Parramatta (a distance of less than 20 kms point to point) during peak and it costs me \$7.70 each way – \$3.50 for the bus to Bankstown and \$4.20 for the train from Bankstown to Parramatta via Lidcombe. It is only \$60 per week, thanks to the cap.

So, my colleague pays \$14 per week less than I do and he lives 60kms further away from work than I do. This is not equitable, with people living closer paying more per km than those with longer commutes.

It would be more equitable if the fares for the entire journey, regardless of what mode or combination of transport is used, were calculated on a point to point basis (as bus fares supposedly are) rather than a mixture of point to point (buses) and distance actually travelled (trains).

Alternatively, bring back the periodic combination tickets (MyMulti 1, 2 and 3) on the same pricing structure as enjoyed previously.