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Submission: In Brief:- A lot of people won't be happy with the Sunday Funday fare increase from \$2.50 to \$7.10. Watch the empty trains on Sundays. That's why they introduced the fare, to get people and families on seats on Sundays. Many families kept Sundays for travel and outings on public transport. Why? because apart from Sunday, public transport in Sydney is so expensive. This was the one day families doing it tough could get out and experience our great city together, as a family unit. Lets keep public transport affordable on weekends.

The Opal card in NSW is proving to be a complete scam. Firstly as noted, the \$2.50 all day travel on Sundays cannot under the original terms of the scheme be considered a "loophole". This was one of the benefits used to market this turkey to compensate commuters for increased fares the rest of the week. This card (which must be prepaid with a set amount of credit as dictated by Opal) means that regular commuters receive minor benefits during the week (one of which was free travel after the first 8 weekly trips - including on Sundays). However, irregular users end up paying significantly more. Irregular regional users also face significantly higher fares for longer trips on intercity trains, again penalising those who may earn less and travel less. One of the supposed benefits of the Opal card was affordable Sunday travel, particularly for families, which under the proposals put forward by the Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal report will increase from a flat fee of \$2.50 to \$7.10 per commuter. As with all things connected with LNP governments State and Federal ... promises mean nothing. You don't encourage the use of public transport by charging higher prices than what a traveller would otherwise pay in petrol in order to make the same journey. There is one inevitable flow-on effect from these proposals, more travellers will sit in the comfort and convenience of their car than board Sydney's slow, unreliable and oftentimes dirty train system. And this is the opposite of what we as a society should be encouraging. Yet again the Baird Government miserably fails the people of NSW. I doubt any of Baird gov MP will be travelling on Sydney's substandard public transport system anytime soon.