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Submission: I feel the current distance and time fare calculations are reasonable and person/s travelling at peak times should pay a premium and off peak fares should be much less to induce person/s to use public transport at off peak times if possible to reduce congestion. Any increases should be linked to the CPI. Also I feel a lot more commuters would consider using public transport especially trains instead of cars if there was more likelihood of getting a seat at peak times. Just as you do not want to be stuck in a traffic jam and still have to pay a toll, you do not want to pay a premium fare on a train and stand all the way every day! Further, I rarely use public transport as driving to my work is 3-4 times quicker than using buses and trains. However, when I do as an itinerant user I do not expect to have to pay a higher price just because I do not have an Opal card. I do not think it fair to have to place \$20-\$30 on an Opal card on the off chance I may have to catch a train in the next few months. In my mind we are STILL talking about PUBLIC TRANSPORT and as a tax payer using public transport some of my taxes go toward providing that service and as such I should be treated equally with other citizens of NSW. Is it fair that I could catch a train from a station at the same time as a person with an Opal card and travel the same distance but pay more just because I am infrequent passenger? OPAL or not the fares should be the same. Also I noted in one of the consultant reports efficiencies are improving. Build a more efficient network and patronage will improve especially if the economic trade off to using a car is substantial.