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Submission: I live in Umina Beach on the central coast. I moved here 3 months ago after eight years living in Marrickville, the traffic became too much of a burden.

I am very concerned on the impact these large increases in fares will have on longer distance commuters. Illawarra, western suburbs (black town, Liverpool etc), blue mountain and of course and central coast. The traffic will increase, financial burden increases, and for what? Absolutely no increase in service.

I work as a programmer in the city, I try to put in a solid hour of work in the commute. The glaring issue though, is that I cannot use even my own phone internet for a majority of the trip due to inadequate mobile phone infrastructure. Woy woy to Berowra is completely no go, but even between Hornsby and Milson Point is continually offline. I'm with Telstra as good a plan as I can get. Areas such as Artarmon, Wollstonecraft, Gordon constant black spots.

If you propose stripping me of a further 30% on fares please consider releasing a further report/proposal to the NSW Govt to improve phone reception on the north shore or add WiFi to the distance travel NSW Link Trains. Longer distance commuters will then have some benefit from these changes - the ability to work during the commute.

Kind Regards,

Rob