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Submission: There MUST be an integrated fare system in Sydney that eliminates the "transfer tax" a person is hit with when changing the mode of transport. Currently, the maximum pays on the Northern Beaches to travel to the city is \$4.50 by bus or a maximum of \$36 per week. However, when taking a bus to the Manly Ferry, one will pay at least \$10 one way or \$60 per week. We must move to a distance based fare system to make it equal for all travellers regardless of the mode of transport.

As it stands, those people without a nearby train service are limited to buses or ferries or a combination of the two. The fares for the ferries are not equitable when comparing the distance travelled to an equivalent train fare. For example, the Manly Ferry costs \$7.18 each way on the Opal card, but the peak train from Martin Place to Kiama costs \$8.30 even though the distance is about 10 times greater on the train. Where is the equity there?