I object to the significant fare rise particularly on the Western line for the following reasons

- There isn't any alternate modes of transport into the City
- Most of the commuters on the western line, catch a bus or drive to the station already incurring additional costs to travel to work.
- The usage of median income for homes in the Western Sydney is inaccurate particularly in light that the Western suburbs have the most property repossessions and bankruptcies and struggling families.
- The trains are overcrowded and hot, dirty, unsafe and not frequent.
- The off peak discounts do not suit the City office worker even if we tried to alter our start times
- The fares are not beneficial to City office workers who are majority of the commuters
- Inflation is at 5% without any corresponding increases in wage
- pensioners (welfare recipients') get to travel at such a discounted price and school kids for free and not only occupy "seats" while we stand to work but also leave a messy carriage. Suggest a hike in their prices instead.

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