

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to protest the 17% increase to the NSW RailCorp fares. In a time when people are struggling to make ends meet due to the financial crisis our leaders have gotten us into I think it is absolutely ridiculous to increase public transport fares by such a large and significant figure. Everyday commuters need an affordable means of getting to and from work. Petrol prices are lowering and therefore an increase to public transport, namely RailCorp is unwarranted. In a time where governments are being urged to tighten up on Green House emissions and to are called to set a higher standard of protecting the environment the government too should be obliged to encourage more people to use trains and other forms of public transport and offer fares at affordable prices.

Certainly a 17% increase in fare prices would do just the opposite; fewer people would use trains because it is no longer affordable and current commuters may return to using their cars. **STOP THE INCREASE IN FARE PRICES!!!**

Regards
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