

To the Project Manager:

The NSW government has such an important role in providing true leadership in things that really matter. We live in challenging times, in terms of how our future will be under a changing climate scenario and in periods of economic turmoil. We need to be wise with our decisions and resist the usual "its time for a price rise because....." approach to services that really need to be treated differently.

Climate change is happening, and happening fast. We have to reduce our greenhouse emissions. We have to cut down on burning fossil fuels to reduce these emissions. We need to reduce our use of ICB motor vehicles as part of the solution.

To reduce the use of motor vehicles, we need to make public transport, and particularly rail transport, attractive to commuters and others. A DECREASE in rail fares (or ZERO fares) would be a positive action. An INCREASE in rail fares is a very negative action.

Accordingly, I urge IPART to seriously review its position on Cityrail fares, with a view to recommending a REDUCTION or better still, a phasing-out, of rail fares.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

P Bourne