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I am a daily commuter of public transport and I use the travel pass, which combines both bus, and rail transport. I have noticed that there is a significant increase of the price from January and then it will continue for several years. People like us who use public transport should not be penalised by increasing the prices. I am an employee in public sector and we have not received any salary increases to compensate these increases. In addition we are faced with increase of interest rates in mortgages, grocery prices etc. I have noticed both federal and state governments are concerned with motorists who use their own cars and contribute to carbon emission but do not have sympathy for poor people like us who can't afford to have a car and use public transport on a daily basis.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO REDUCE PRICE OF TRAVEL PASSES WHICH COST MORE THAN THE WEEKLY TICKETS I WOULD SUGGEST TO ISSUE A FIVE DAY TICKET RATHER THAN A SEVEN DAY TICKET AT LEAST TO GIVE A RELIEF TO POOR COMMUTERS .

Independent Pricing Regulatory Tribunal should act independently, and should not consider only the income generation or making up the losses of the company due to incompetent administration but should think about the commuters who contribute to the income of the City Rail.

As a poor commuter I would urge you to consider the plight of people like me who have to spend a considerable amount from their salary for weekly travel passes without any salary increases.

Thank you.

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