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**Subject:** Review of CityRail fares, 2009-2012

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**IPART** - Says commuters on average have \$97,917 income per household.

**Australian Bureau of Statistics** - Says increase in adult ordinary time earnings (Highest available percentage was 4.7%- May 2007 to May 2008 ABS Data)

**IPART** - Says commuters should expect an increase in rail fares of 25% over 4 years, up 17% on New Years Day.

**Transport Data Centre** - Shows 75 per cent of commuters used buses and trains during peak hour trips to the CBD.

**Australian Bureau of Statistics** - Average household size is projected to decline (Australia's household size (2.4) in 2011).

Statistical data we all know never lies.

Lets also use averages, as that is the **IPART** formula used to calculate percentage increases. Lets now analyse what we have here.

Declining household numbers will mean declining average incomes (**ABS**)-**Correct**.

Declining ordinary time earnings (take in consideration the downward forecast in world economics) 4.7% at present to pay for a 17% rail fare increase on New Years Day (**ABS**)-**Correct**.

Who make up the numbers of commuters - 75 per cent of commuters of those 50% Bus, 50% rail that would then equate to \$48,958 "on average" income per household (**TDC**)-**Correct**

Rubbery figures these may seem but not as rubbery as those used by **IPART** to justify such a huge percentage fare increase.

True expect a "fare increase", the cost of living never goes down, but let's have a "fair increase"

We all are starting to feel cheated, you cannot in all honesty expect us to believe \$97,917 being the norm. for rail commuters.

Ingleburn to City Commuter