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**Subject:** Submission about fare increase in RailCorp

I am a traveller who travels more than 35 kms every day on the rail network. Paying at present \$ 41 a week and according to the increases forecast that is likely to go up to \$48 a week.

First thing, I would like to know is: if the fares rise, will it also increase in a number of seats available at peak hours. Most days now I need to stand and travel for over 45 minutes.

Second: Will a fare rise increase in the number of peak hour services?

If none of them are assured, I would protest an increase in the fares.

If a fare increase cannot guarantee and improvement in service, what is the fare increase for? Rail is a public transport utility and as such has a duty to provide good services. Service has been deteriorating but you would like to increase the fares. If say for example a car service results in more problems with my car I would have every right to sue the garage. Similarly, I expect a fare increase to result in better services.

So my vote for a fare increase is --- `` NO".