

**Sent:** Thursday, 6 November 2008 12:01 AM

**Subject:** Submission to IPART Review of CityRail fares, 2009-2012

Dear IPART,

I would like to make a submission to the above review and to request at the outset that my name be withheld from publication.

Whilst I appreciate that the State Government would like to obtain a return on its assets, I would like IPART to consider the issue of transportation from a more macro level given that the world now finds itself faced with a global warming crisis that threatens future generations. It is imperative for large cities like Sydney to have fast & efficient transport systems.

Reliance on motor vehicles to usually move several passengers as well as many hundreds of kilograms on choked up road networks must be viewed with some critical thinking in terms of efficiency and drain on our precious resources. The State Government pours billions of dollars into creating new roads only to find that several years later, these become inadequate and new roads are needed to cope with the demand. When are we going to realise that cities require cheap, fast & efficient transport to move large numbers of people break away from the vicious cycle of road building?

If we divert just some of the funds that we use for roadworks and place this money into rail transport, we may be able to make a difference for our children's future. I would even propose that as the public fund the State's infrastructure, travel on trains be made cheaper and not more expensive.