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Sir/Madam

I would truly love to know where the information is gathered from, stating that the average commuter household wage is \$97,917.. No wonder banks think we all have bucket loads of money. If my household earned \$97,917. I would not be sitting on your freezing cold trains during the winter months and certainly not during the summer months either. Your drivers don't know how the air conditioning works, nor the heating.

As for the health of passengers my trains stink of urine on most days. And if not urine then there is sticky soft drink that has been there for days at a time, oh, and then the cancellations. We have one direct service to Sydney per day, we have to chop and change at the drop of a hat. No, if my household earned \$97,917. Per year I can guarantee you that I would be sitting in my nice comfortable vehicle with the nice warm air conditioning on and keeping myself a lot healthier than sitting on your filthy dirty unhygienic trains.

I really so think if Nathan Rees is really determined to increase rail fares, then I think his wages for one month should be similar to any commuter, and he should have to travel from home and back each night for a full month and then make further comment Mr Rees. Be fair dinkum and give it a go. Then we'll see how you feel about the public comfort who pay for you comfortable tax payer funded vehicle and driver

A long term commuter