

RE: Submission on the report **Review of CityRail fares 2009-2012**

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to register my opposition to the recommendation in the report **Review of CityRail fares 2009-2012** of fare increases of 25%.

The report provides little justification for the fares other than the median income of city rail users is above the city average and so they can afford it. This is hardly a justification of the fare increases. Furthermore, there is a discussion that the costs of running city rail are increasing faster than revenue from increased patronage. Obviously, there are two ways of approaching this problem, either increase revenue or decrease costs. I would suggest that the report simply considers the revenue increase option without considering the cost cutting measures.

Generally, price increases above the inflation rate are justified when more value is being delivered for the service. However, the report does not link the fare increases to any delivered value increase. Therefore they cannot be justified.