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Subject: Proposed Train Fare Increases - AGAINST

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am totally against the proposed fare increases for various reasons.

One of the most obvious reasons as many commuters mention time and time again is the service that is provided. Yes, trains do generally run close or on time but every morning and afternoon commuting to and from work the train stations and trains themselves are over crowded. It's quite ridiculous to see how over crowded they can be. So crowded that I fear I will miss my stop because it just seems impossible to get out. Or fear that I may fall on the tracks because honestly at times there isn't even room to move. There needs to be more trains, improved stations or a better timetable because the current one just doesn't work.

Another reason is that we are always encouraged to take public transport to decrease pollution/green house emissions etc but how are we suppose to do that if public transport fares keeps increasing whilst service remains the same.

And lastly in this time of hardships I believe this is really the last thing that people need. We are already struggling in these hard economic times. There a lot of people that have no choice and rely on public transport since it seems like the cheaper option (as opposed to purchasing a car) but raising the prices up would just make it even harder for these people. We are told that fare increases are to improve service but how many times has that been said and no results are ever seen. Yes, I do appreciate the work that some City Rail staff do, don't get me wrong but there is no warrant to increase the fares at this point.