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The below is from the Sydney Morning Herald, and Rail corp wants to increase fares, I say no way to any increase, Carriages are old, speakers don't work, no air con, over crowding, there's break downs and cancelled services all the time,

If anything the fares should be coming down for the lack of any quality service, We don't have a travel card ticketing system, Our rail service is very very poor to the point of embarrassing, A trip i took last year to Hong Kong and Seoul Korea, found their ticketing and trains far far more advanced than ours. One card gets you on trains buses, and the cost for travel was far less then what we are being charged here in Sydney. the standard our transport needs to increase before any fares are increased

Demand outstrips ageing trains

CITYRAIL'S ageing trains will not be replaced fast enough to cater to growing demand, even though one in four carriages break down every month, says a scathing report by the NSW Auditor-General.

One in three Sydney trains is more than 30 years old and 60 per cent are more than 20 years old, the report says. But a \$9.5 billion program to buy trains is running late and will be "insufficient" in the face of soaring patronage.