
Sent: Wednesday, 5 November 2008 2:55 PM

Subject: Proposed Increase in City Rail Fares, 2009-2012

Dear Sir/Madame.

I am writing with regards to the proposed rail fare increase for 2009-2012. I live in Glenmore Park and commutes on a daily basis (Monday to Friday) to North Sydney and I am concerned with this proposed fare increase especially its toll on my weekly budget considering the current economic condition we have right now. The \$48 weekly ticket that I paid is already considered a huge slice in my budget and to be charged with another fare increase will be just too much for me to bear. Besides, City Rail weekly pass holders like me are the regular customers of City Rail and therefore should be rewarded for their loyalty to the service and not be punished by this fare increase.

The proposed fare increase would contravene the government's campaign of encouraging people to take public transport. By increasing rail fare, this will encourage people to move away from public transport therefore contributing to greenhouse emission, traffic congestion and longer travel time.

I am hoping that IPART will give consideration to this concern which is shared by many commuters in the Western Suburbs.

Thank you.