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Subject: Train fare increases

To whom it concerns,

I'm writing to express my outrage at the proposed large increases to City Rail fares. Such a significant increase simply cannot be justified given the poor current services, age of the stock, and cancellation of the North West metro.

I also don't expect the increased revenue to make any difference to the overall service. Improvements will require massive government investment that could not possibly be covered by any fare increases.

Increases in line with CPI would be justifiable, especially given a looming recession.

Large increases in fares will hardly encourage the public to change from driving to catching a train, particularly with fuel prices going down. This in turn will have a negative impact on greenhouse gas emissions, at a time when this issue is becoming more critical to the whole planet every year.

In short nothing positive can come from the proposed increases.