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Subject: Submission on Review of City Rail Fares 2009-2012

I would like to submit a Submission on the Review of City Rail Fares 2009-2012. I am against the very large 17% increase in City Rail fare costs for the following reasons:

1. Table 1 in the Review shows that the fare increases are extremely higher than the CPI increases

2. The calculation of fares in the Review for the distances or km travelled needs to be reviewed. Why does City Rail use these arbitrary distances of 15km and upwards?

Compared to modern cities overseas in Europe, France, Holland, London, Italy and others cities and in Hawaii and the United States of America where there are no set distances at all and there is one set price to use the public transport. I believe City Rail could utilize these type of simple fares in the modern city of Sydney.

3. The average family certainly does not receive the high income of \$95,000 per year but would receive \$50,000.00 per year

4. The difficult economic climate with people paying large amounts to mortgages, food, petrol and living expenses making the large fare increases unjustified.

5. I believe City Rail should endeavour to invest more funds in public transport to assist in climate change and the government could fund 80% with the fares at 20% of the funding share.

6. City Rail could endeavour to improve its efficiency improvements in its operating costs in more ways in keeping with world's best practice and Australian Standards with keeping the high level of safety standards.

7. There could be more flexible lower fares to travel across different trains lines

8. There could be lower train fares to different cities as from Central to Goulburn return Express Train costs \$80.00 which I believe is too expensive for a day trip for an exhibition.

9. I believe that the percentage of people who travel in Sydney by rail is certainly more than 5% as stated in the statement that ""only 5% of all average weekday trips by residents in Sydney are by rail". What is the reference for this figure? The Census would make this figure much higher. The trains are always very crowded and packed as some train services have been discontinued.