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Subject: train fare increase

I wish to lodge my disapproval in the rail fare increase. I catch the train from Wynyard to Chatswood - Monday to Friday and have to say that the service does not warrant an increase. If there was evidence that the money raised from the previous fare increase had been used to improve the quality of the trains I would agree with the decision, however I am still traveling on the same filthy, overcrowded trains that are often poorly air-conditioned and a risk to peoples health and safety because of it.

On top of this the fact that on a number of occassions where I have ended up having to take other means of transport to getting home due to a delay in the service. Sometimes even resorting to walking home across the bridge.

So how could the fares be justified taking into account these issues.