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Subject: 17% increase in 2009 fares

I totally object to the 17% increase in fares for traveling on a train that is being considered for 2009.

I commute to the city every morning to get to work. As I am a PAYE earner the cost of travel is not tax deductible yet it is a compulsory cost of my employment!

I am the sole provider for my family (wife + 3 kids, of which 2 are in primary school) and this big increase will have a direct affect on my ability to pay bills and support the family.

In summary the increase should be no more than CPI and rail should be scene as a vital infrastructure rather than pay as you go cost.