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Subject: Proposed increase in rail fares

I am a regular user of the Western Rail Line as I travel too and from work. I have chosen to use public transport because of the convenience and relative cost effectiveness. However, with petrol prices decreasing and the threat of large increases in train fares I will be reconsidering my options. As a single mother my income is well below that of the stated average and any disposable income is very limited. An increase in fares in the order of 17 percent would cause considerable hardship. I certainly hope that this increase is not passed on to commuters.