

Sent: Tuesday, 4 November 2008 11:56 AM  
Subject: Rail Fare Increase

To Whom it May Concern,

Being a regular commuter on the Sydney rail network over the past 7 years I can easily say that Cityrail's current service delivery and performance levels do not warrant such a fare increase over the next four years.

In recent years there has been no improvement in the reliability of rail services, in fact a few years ago CityRail "Tweaked" their reporting method of measuring late trains so that their on-time figures would improve.

The trains themselves are ageing rust buckets which are in desperate need of upgrade & cleaning. Failures in major projects such as rolling out all the Millennium trains on time and Macquarie Park railway line makes me wonder why we haven't cut or froze the pay of those responsible, rather than giving them pay increases.

If the people of Sydney have to settle for trains, ticketing systems and infrastructure that are more than 20 years old then the price we pay should be at the 1990 prices. A price increase of 25% over four years is outrageous and unacceptable for worst performing rail network in an OECD country.