

Sent: Tuesday, 28 October 2008 8:29 AM
Subject: Proposed train fare increase JAN 2009

To whom it may concern,

I am against the proposed 25% increase of train fare I will be facing, should the proposal go ahead.

I can not afford it, my finances are stretched to the limit now. I do not earn the suggested average commuter household yearly income of \$97,917, rather \$42,000 is closer to the mark.

I am lucky if I see a 3% yearly increase in salary.

All this increase will do will put more cars back onto the road. It is obvious by the increase in crowded peak hour trains, that more are catching public transport, and more instances of 'train rage' is observed daily. Which saddens me, as Sydney siders never used to be like that. We are only getting more ruder to one another, in our attempts to get on the trains, and it gets worse the closer you get to the city.

Pressure by Cityrail announcements to stand clear of the closing doors, when in fact the doors have just opened for passengers to disembark, isn't helping the 'train rage' issue as everyone barges onto the train. But that isn't your concern.

I believe while 'user pays' is ok, why doesn't the State Govt & Cityrail looks at 'trimming the fat' by taking away freebies for ex-politicians & the like. Also make redundant or place the employees with no particular role/job.