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Subject: Proposed Rail Fare increase

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to object to the submission by CityRail for an increase in fares of up to 18%.

I live in Camden and travel to the City Monday – Friday for work. I currently purchase a monthly (28 day) ticket and believe that the current cost of my monthly ticket (\$160-\$170) is more than enough to pay for a rail network that consistently runs late, provides minimal communication to commuters and frequently delivers dirty, non air-conditioned carriages.

Also, considering that of my 28 day rail ticket I do not use 8 days worth, as this is Saturdays & Sundays. So, therefore, I am paying \$160-\$170 for 20 days worth of travel, this is ridiculous considering the service provided.

I also disagree with the IPART data which 'shows' that the "average commuter household has a yearly income of \$97,917" (as reported in MX). My yearly income is well below this amount and I do not believe that this number is an accurate calculation at all!

I strongly oppose a fair increase unless CityRail can measurably improve all aspects of its "service" and deliver a first class rail network. I think this can be done without another fair increase as we pay enough as it is!