

Sent: Tuesday, 4 November 2008 1:29 PM

Subject: Review of CityRail fares 2009-2012

The Chairman,
IPART.

Dear Sir,

- I object to the proposed increase of CityRail fares beyond the CPI for these reasons:
- the longer journeys and reduced frequency from protracted running and dwell times in 2006 timetable. The better service I seek is to have quicker South Coast trips than pre-electrification.
 - timetables are responsive to broadened working hours and non-CBD commuters, and for other trip purposes.
 - these sustained increases are likely to impede achieving State Plan targets for mode share and job accessibility
 - train standards have fallen, with apparent vandalism up and ersatz intercity trains.
 - CityRail will have to undergo significant cultural change to make major changes in attractiveness and effectiveness of services across their network.