

Dear Sir/Madam

I want to say that I'm totally against another rail hike price rise.

My train from Narara, the 6.00am which gets me to North Sydney at 7.24am each weekday, used to be a short trip for many many years now takes longer, which frustrates all the passengers I've travelled with for many years .

What's frustrating at the moment and has been ever since we got the Oscar trains, these trains are NOT suitable for country trip travellers. So many of us are upset that the front carriages that have opened up now for many years, until this year, are no longer opening - either depending on the discretion of the train guard or for whatever reason we don't understand.

Why now is this happening with the Oscar trains, by not letting us into our regular carriages we have been able to get in for years (some of my fellow travellers are forced to go into Gosford station now to actually get into the regular carriage they used to get into.

This forces sleepy passengers to now have to walk all the way back to the front of the 4th carriage which is pretty packed with travellers and have to wait in the front of this 4th carriage to wait for the train to stop at Gosford. We are then forced to dash up to our regular carriage to get into our regular carriage (which mine usually aligns with the steps at North Sydney Station) to try and get our seats with our friends we have built up over the years. Most of us miss out on our regular seats and due to this reason quite a few of us are really ticked off and it's not a good feeling every morning to be ticked off because of a slack train guard not opening up our regular doors.

Why is it that in the carriage we used to normally get in, that passengers are already in it (how are they allowed to get in unless they get in at Wyong), as there used to be hardly any persons in those carriages - how is that fair to us long term travellers (about 40 of us get on every morning up the front of the carriages).

Now lets get to the Oscar trains, who I understand from my ex Driver husband, said that drivers were actually asked about these Oscar trains for the Central Coast and the drivers advised Cityrail that the country travellers would like travelling in them for the following reasons:-

- * They are the most noisy opening and closing doors I've ever heard, they literally slam
close...god help if a child/pram/wheelchair should get stuck in them.
- * The ear pearing noise the train door actually makes when opening and closing is just not
what a tired country traveller want to hear at 6am in the morning of in the afternoon and I'm
sure it could cause damages to some travellers ears in the long run after lots of travelling

in them...OH&S or Workers Comp!

* Country travellers don't need to be told upto 3-4 times what station is next, what they are about to or arrive at or arriving at. Then straight away, go into this endless noisy routine as soon as we depart from a station.

* It also seems that the volume for these announcements seems to just get louder as the journey continues. Most country travellers are sleeping and this is most disturbing for those trying to do work, reading books or listening to music and most importantly to those sleeping passengers trying to catch up on sleep for their long journeys.

Why can't we have the Tangara's back and give the Oscars to travellers from Berowra down to the city onwards....Country travellers would love to have the Tangaras back, as they don't talk to us 24/7 all the way down to Central...the guards voice was much less intrusive than those horrible announcements all the time.

Many years ago there used to be about 4 people in my carriage from Narara...now it's practically half full at Narara and when we hit Gosford and Woy Woy it's now packed before we hit the North Shore Line.

Why can't more Express Trains be made available to make life much more comfortable for travellers and by the word Express I mean express.

Why do the Express's Nth Shore trains have to stop at so many North Shore Stations from Hornsby, why can't it just be Chatswood, St Leonards, Nth Sydney and then Wynyard etc. in the city...that's what we call an express train. Why can't we have a say because our so called express train are NOT express at all.

Why is it also, as soon as we hit Nth Sydney Tunnel we absolutely crawl in but other trains go thru much much quicker....this is frustrating for all of us as hundreds of travellers get off at Nth Sydney.

I pay Cityrail \$1,400 per year and I'm seriously considering not getting this train no longer and travel down with a friend car pooling as I have free car parking at my school. Quite a few other travellers are also considering doing this, as the travellers are increasing due the pressures of petrol and general high living costings for everything. Car pooling looks far far more appealing to a lot of my friends, rather than get this early morning train than rather put up with what we have to put up with in these Oscar trains.

Some travellers are actually now forced to stay in Sydney during the week, rather than do this

horrible trip now, which is also something I'm also considering seen my brother lives at Pymont!

We used to get an extra 1hr sleep travelling down but now we get NO sleep only offending noisy doors and the travel commentary about every station all the way down.

WAKE UP CITY RAIL AND LISTEN TO A CONCERNED COUNTRY TRAVELLER FROM THE CENTRAL COAST, GOSFORD.

I AND MANY OTHERS SAY NO TO THE PROPOSED RISE IN FARES FOR TRAVELLING ON WHAT WE ARE GIVEN AT WHOEVERS DISCRETION.....YOU TRY TRAVELLING IN IT FOR A WHILE AND SEE HOW YOU WOULD FEEL.

GIVE US BACK THE TANGARAS PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE.

Not only is the Oscar