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**Subject:** PRICING PROPOSAL

For What It's Worth,

I would like to reply to the article in Friday's MX paper in relation to the SmartSaver fare plan being abandoned.

It was mentioned that it has been abandoned due the fact that less than 1 per cent of commuters changed their travelling habits during this trial. This meant that only one person per peak-hour carriage had moved out of the peak during this trial. As a result, the Transport Minister, Mr David Campbell is looking to possibly increase the fares as well.

The government needs to get a grip on the real world. The employees do not get a say in their starting and finishing times. We need to go by what our management have told us to work. Also, normal business are usually between 9am to 5pm. Those people working in customer services, (which is more than 90% of the working force), would need to work to accommodate these hours.

Question to Mr Campbell, do you tell your workers what hours to work, or do they tell you what hours they are going to work. Surely, I assume, it is you that calls the shots.

If you look around, you don't see many government agencies open past 5pm and open no earlier than 8.30am. How can they say it was a success when people need to be at work at certain times.

In relation to the fares being increased, where do they think the extra money is going to come from. I have just started working in the City since 2000. There is not much change in the system since then. The trains are just as cramped, if not, more so.

Come back to reality Mr Campbell.