

Sent: Tuesday, 21 October 2008 2:01 PM
Subject: Revue of City Rail Fares

Dear Sir,

I wish to express my disgust at the audacity of CityRail's submission and IPART's suggestion that rail fares should increase approximately 40% in the period from 2009 to 2012. To suggest that these increase are necessary are ludicrous considering the fact that CityRail cannot run trains on time, provide clean well maintained air conditioned trains or provide a safe environment for passengers. In fact fares should be reduced for passengers who for the past 13 years have had to tolerate the worst run rail system in Australia and for that matter many other countries. I live in the North Western area of Sydney in the lower mountains and travel by train on the Richmond Line, which has not seen an upgrade since the line was electrified in the early 1990's, this together with the fact there is only a single track from Quakers Hill causes many disruptions to an already poor service. To suggest that people who use this line and travel from the Richmond/Windsor area will be required to pay more that \$50 for weekly ticket will see many people using their cars to travel to and from their place of employment. Even with the price of fuel at the level that it is, if these increases go ahead it will be cheaper for my family to drive into the city to work than to pay these increased fares. Whilst I realise that fare increases are inevitable they should not rise more that the inflation rate, and to raise them for a service that is a disgrace to the state of New South Wales is beyond belief.