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Subject: Review of fares for City Rail 2009

To whom it may concern,

I feel more compelled than before to write this objection regarding the fare increases that City Rail are proposing. I refer to this morning's debacle at Hornsby station where the Tangara I was travelling on from the NSW Central Coast, that was fully packed to standing room only, was terminated due to "mechanical" problems. This is just one more incident in many that the rail commuters of NSW have had to endure for a very long time.

How can RailCorp possibly justify increasing the fares for a service that is already so inadequate?

I would quite happily pay the proposed increases if the service I was receiving met my expectations, but sadly they fall short. I would resent having to pay more for a service that I consider to be failing in so many ways.

The fact that more and more people are forced onto the rail network due to not only the petrol increases, but also the current economical status, makes me wonder why RailCorp want to increase their prices when they should be doing as the Reserve Bank is doing and that is "lowering the rates"!