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Subject: Review of Cityrail fares from 2009

To whom it may concern.

I have been a commuter travelling from Gosford to the City 5 days a week for the last 3.5 years.

In that time I have experienced fare increases and timetable changes that have meant my train now leaves earlier but arrives home later. How can you justify a fare increase when services are regularly delayed or cancelled. I strongly disagree with this proposed fare increase as I think it is unwarranted and uncalled for. Salaries are not increasing at the rate you are wanting to put up fares, in the end people will not be able to afford to work in Sydney.

I choose to work in the City and don't think that all the other central Coast commuters and myself should have to pay more to sit on uncomfortable Millennium trains for over an hour or trains with air-conditioning that does not work, not to mention the other commuters on other lines with the trains that don't even have airconditioning.

With this proposed fare increase I will be paying over \$60 a week and I can't see that the services are going to improve much. The lines are closed every other weekend to be replaced by buses for "essential trackwork" and then a few days later there are delays for no apparent reason. The standard of the service is not acceptable with the fares you want to charge.