## Fare increases

It is unbelievable, unfair and unacceptable that fare prices can be increased twice a year in Sydney and NSW without any improvement at any level whatsoever to the system whether it is rail, bus or even ferries.

How can such a thing happen? Is absolutely everyone corrupt?

I find incredible that staff members of the rail system, for example, demanded such an increase in wages when a few of them can be seen every day congregating at stations using their mobile phone, laughing, talking, reading books etc.... To me, they don't look to be working and certainly not hard but rather having a good time at work.

Are really 4 people needed to mind a rail station a the ticket in/out booths? (not selling tickets) Someone suggested to reduce the prices next to nothing so no one can complain and no improvement is expected, like it is implemented in Toronto (Canada).

Or even better: all public transport be free and taken care by the state instead of loading some pockets.

Things are not getting any better even though more money ever flows into the state coffers.

Maybe, a hard look could be taken at some European countries **NOW** where public transport system does work and well, where prices do not increase twice a year, are announced 6 months ahead when they do, because they reflect a continuity in good working order or betterment not because workers think they're not getting enough of the pie.

Public anything should remain for the public, not priced according to the so-called wealth of some users as it has been implied some time back. This attitude is definitely not on.

Just wait until Australian commuters wake up and take the matter into their hands. More and more complain bitterly.

I hope some restraint can be and will be applied.

Regards