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**Subject:** bus fares

I feel that the proposed price increase in the Sydney buses by over 40cents a trip or 3.5% is rather heavy consider the service that is given. I take the 415 to and from Strathfield station and this would have to be the worst service in the city.

My husband catches a bus about 6.30 but has to be at his stop almost 15minutes early to catch is bus but the service is worse in the evening. Between 5.30 and 6pm there can be over 100 people waiting on the bus to Campsie or Belmore as there are no buses turning up for over 45 minutes then 3 come all at once. During this time buses pull into Strathfield on there way to Burwood, the bus drivers see all these people waiting. Why cannot any of them call the depot and instead of going onto Burwood start from Strathfield. 3 Saturdays ago I was waiting on a bus from Burwood Plaza due at 1.50 but this did not turn up until 2.25 when I asked the drive about this he said he was the 2.20 bus so the 1.50 just did not come or left early.

As wages are not increasing due to the current economic climate why should bus fares increase especially by this much when the service provided is so poor. If you wish people to continue to use public transport then you must give people value for money and the 415 does not provide this. I have starting walking home at nights as the service is so poor and if the price goes up much more I will be seriously thinking of walking to and from the station. I feel more people will be looking at other ways of commuting and there will be no growth in the use of public transport.

yours

another late supporter of public transport