

Dear Sir/Madam

I am apposed to the increase in train fares proposed by City Rail.

Have Cityrail looked at cutting costs firstly?? Shouldn't that be the first step, how about cross train Chubb guard to also collect garbage while they walk through the carriages, this would save on cleaning staff. What about employing casuals to only work 4 hours through peak hours and skeleton staff during the day/evening shifts when it is quiet?

Do not charge the everyday Monday - Friday commuter extra, charge the weekend people extra, this is when CityRail has to pay penalty rates and increase wages over the weekend. Charge the tourists and weekend travellers more. 95% of Monday to Friday commuters do not use their ticket on the weekend, so why cant CityRail maintain the current cost of a weekly, but change it to Monday to Friday, 5 day pass??

Mr Costa cannot just think increasing fares will resolve all the problems this is just ridiculous. He needs to exhaust all other means, including making the government spend funding on the rail network, before he suggests a fare increase, this is only fair.

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