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CityRail Fare Increase 2006

To Whom It May Concern,

What a joke! A fare increase because services have improved since the new timetable has come in?
RUBBISH!!

Since the new timetable came in September last year, I have had to :

Change my hours at work to make sure buses/trains meet (my local bus company supposedly changed their timetable too but who catches the bus in the middle of the day (which is where the changes were made);

Spend longer travelling between Hornsby and North Sydney; and

Now travel home in an un-air conditioned 6 carriage train (Would some one please explain to me why they insist on running 6 carriage trains in peak hour?)

Endure the inconvenience of extra trackwork. On the weekend of March 18/19, the main northern line was closed between Strathfield and North Strathfield for at least the second time I can remember in as many months and then last weekend, March 25/26, there were no trains from Hornsby at all!

Not only that, some bright spark decided to remove rubbish bins from the platforms so now the previously dirty trains are even dirtier and don't get me started on the train station platforms! What must people visiting Australia think when they can't sit down on a seat at the train station because someone has left rubbish on the seat?!

We live in the 21st century and the supposed first rate "lucky country". If we are such a first rate nation, why do we have a 3rd world rail system?

There is no way you will convince me that a fair increase is justified and my comments above are only some of the reasons why this increase should not be approved. If I was to list them all, we would be here all day.

For your dealings.

Thank you and Regards,

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