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IPART REVIEW OF RAIL FARES COMMUTER COUNCIL SUBMISSION NUMBER 7 FROM CENTRAL COAST

There is a unique opportunity to assist the community and to improve income for our rail system.

With oil/petrol prices rising as rapidly as they are transport costs are on every traveller's mind. When considering to use any form of transport the **cost** and **convenience** are the two major factors.

If rail costs are kept as low as possible I believe the travelling public would patronize rail transport with higher numbers this will have a higher return than increasing rail fares.

An add campaign in these times highlighting the cost effectiveness and convenience, that is a rail transport system is by its nature a "Park and Ride", of rail would return more money than simply increasing rail fares.

IT IS HOPED THAT THESE BRIEF COMMENTS WILL PROVIDE AN INSIGHT INTO THE ATTITUDE OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.