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Price increase on city rail

To Whom It May Concern

With regards to the request by Railcorp to increase the fares of travelling by the public transport system. To this I would like to voice my option on this matter and that I would not like to see any increase in the fare or discount structure that is in place at present. My main objection is the running on schedule of the rail and bus network. On numerous occasions whilst waiting for a train we are told that this particular service has been cancelled for today only ie6.32 from Kogarah to the city yesterday morning and today the 6.26 was cancelled, this meant that one was late for a connecting train to the north shore yesterday even though I thought one had left enough time for this and then late for work today with a fellow employees waiting for me to open up the premises so that they could work.

I know that these are only two examples going to work but the majority of train cancellation or not running to schedule occur more often on the afternoon run. One would also inquiry as to how when there are now only four trains an hour could they be running up to fifteen minutes late on weekends meaning that you thought that you had left enough time for changing trains to complete your journey. An example of how the trains are shifted out of timetable sequence the other day we had three Cronulla trains running after each other when there is supposed to be a Waterfall and then an all station to Hurstville / Mortdale before the next Cronulla train.

The Minister Mr Watkins or maybe the managers of railcorphave stated in public that a train is running on time even if it is now five minutes late. When trying to connect to a bus for a journey that runs only every half hour after seven at can mean because this service was running five minutes behind the scheduled arrival time would mean the missing of the connection then one would have to wait a further twenty five or so minutes for the next bus

To me the connections do not really count unless it raining because I can walk home within twenty minutes but it is the inconvenience it may cause to some elderly person who has to travel further on the connecting bus than I

I hope that this is taken into consideration when the final submission is handed down

Kind Regards