

Please don't increase off-peak fares - it encourages travel outside peak times, reducing congestion and loading of the public transport system.

Please don't increase normal fares too.

For example Berowra to North Sydney commuting.

My car with 12.5L/100Km petrol @ \$1.20/L, daily return distance is 60km, weekly 300km

Daily fuel is \$9, weekly is \$45 and being part of a salary package that is pre-tax cost.

By local bus and train, daily return cost is \$3 + \$8.80 = \$11.80,

weekly cost is \$15 + \$34 = \$49 and that is post tax money.

	Daily	Weekly	Comment
Private vehicle	\$ 9.00	\$45	pre-tax money with car package
Bus + train	\$11.80	\$49	definitely post tax money

Public transport should not cost more than inefficient private transport.

"User pays" policy for public transport is a little short sighted, because if more people were to use public transport than less cars on the road, less traffic congestion, less pollution, green house gases etc etc.

The entire city in general ultimately benefits and thus everyone is a user of the public transport system, albeit indirect. There is nothing wrong with a tax payer subsidised public transport system, I, for one, am more than happy for my taxes to be used for that.

In places where free parking is unavailable / difficult or a care for the environment would public transport be ahead, otherwise how to beat the comfort, convenience, controlled travelling condition etc etc.

best regards
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