

If the train service was better than adequate I would understand an increase but let's be realistic. I travel to the city 3 days a week. If I get on a train at Penshurst at 1 minute past 9 its costs \$4.40 (off peak) I can purchase that ticket from around 1/4 to 9 because there is no other train(according to the time table) between 8.45am and 9.01am. Prior to that it costs \$7.20 peak travel per day. The problem is if I buy a peak travel ticket -\$7.20 and the train does not come until 9.00 or later, which is often happening, I am paying for peak service **in off peak** time slots. What a waste of money. Can I claim the difference? Why should I not be angry at an increase? The afternoon service back home is even worse and I continually find I am being asked to leave a train which is running so late it will be terminating at a stop prior to the one I want to go to, which according to the stupid board, was the original destination. How do you justify an increase? K. McIntyre. Hurstville.