

I am not agreeable to the proposition of again increasing the train fares. Why should I be asked again to pay more money when there has been no increased efficiency in the service currently provided?

Almost every weekend the inner-west train line is "not running" and "buses will be replacing trains" ~ and while, yes the buses do run regularly, to what timetable do they run?

Also, why is it that if I buy a ticket during peak hour, when I am almost guaranteed not to get a seat, where I will be lucky not to faint from lack of oxygen and lucky to come out of the "sweat box" train without graffiti on my clothes, should I pay almost twice as much as when I travel out of peak time? I wouldn't have a problem paying the extra if I was getting something for it.

Further more, since the change of the timetable, platform 1 doesn't seem to be used at Ashfield train station anymore. It use the be the place to board to get an express service to the city, while now you get the so called 'express' service from platform 3 and slowly travel behind the all stations train ~ my understanding of an "express" service was that not only do we go to limited other stations, but we get to our destination without delay. Isn't that part of the reason there are so many other tracks?

So please, why I do understand that it is important to maintain the rail network and yes everything costs money, before you increase our train fares, give us a valid reason to pay the increase like providing a service.

Regards,

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