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Fare Increase

I can't take it, that Railcorp insist to increase the train fare. No wonder. When the train authorities travel with their families free of cost, they don't bother about the burden on the commuters, who are paying too much already for a service which is degrading linearly in the last 6 years. I have a suggestion (like they did also in Europe), also the persons working for the rail service, except the drivers and guards in the train in service, should pay for the travel. Lets see then, if they still insists for a fare increase.

I have seen more than 60 metropolitan train service throughout the world, and believe me... I haven't seen such a illogical, unreliable and expensive service in the world. Pls. don't compare the price of Londoner underground... The sydney train service doesn't come withing 20th place near the Londoner service. With the ratio of service compared to number of staff working for railway service in sydney as more than double compared to any other metropolitan service in the world, sydney deserves a lot better service and rational fare price.

Even with no guards in train and station master in the platforms, the train services are running more reliably through the world (I still don't see why the train in sydney needs a guard, when their service during the running of the train is nothing else but unreliable). Lets take an example of train fare.... like Berlin in Germany (which has a population like sydney, and where the train, bus, tram network is covered throughout the area, on time and more frequently). An yearly ticket for all these services costs almost half compared to present fare in sydney. And not only that... after 7:00 p.m. everyday, and the whole weekend and on public holidays, two adults and two kids can travel with the same single ticket. Are we anywhere near to that ? And pls remember, Berlin is also one of the most expensive city in the world. Instead of performing survey maybe among the rail authorities themselves (and not among the commuters) it is easy to justify a fare rise, but I would request the them to inform more, to be more efficient and professional, instead of making a decision of their own. Last but not the least...the Bus services in sydney.... besides unreliability of the service, I think 70% of the time they are busy in selling tickets than driving the buses. Sydney is a world city and deserves a better rail service than that is offered by the present authority.

Regards,
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