

**"Peter Ostrovski"**

I disagree with any fare rises. If anything the fares should be reduced. Services were significantly reduced and we - the commuters - suffer the consequences. Trains are now constantly packed and most (especially on the Liverpool line) are not air-conditioned. It makes me physically sick to stand for an hour in a packed train in 40 - 50C heat with no air-conditioning, often even no ventilation and no openable or only tiny windows half rusted shut. We are being treated worse than cattle!!! Trains are slow, slower than in 1938 when City to Liverpool took 55 min. now in 2006 up to 62 minutes - and that is when they actually run on time, which is often not the case, or are not cancelled. Trains also tend to stop in the heat on the sun for 20-30 minutes while you are just cooking alive inside and no one bothers to even make an announcement.

In short the fares should not be increased and are high enough already, the service is clearly substandard and CityRail and the government should not be paid more for reduced and bad services. In fact, they should be ashamed. I also have no intention to subsidise the penalties for their failed tunnel project. If they put the money towards train services, they would not need a tunnel in the first place. Effective public transport would also reduce pollution, which is now officially a health risk in Sydney...

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