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Submission on why there should be no price increases on Public Transport

All,

It is the governments responsibility to ensure that there is a reliable and inexpensive public transport system( rail, bus and ferry). There should not be any mandate for the system to be profitable, whilst there is a need to ensure there is no wasteful spending. Controls and auditing should be in place to cover this requirement.

The Governments aim should be to encourage more and more people to use public transport in lieu of driving their own vehicles with the aim to reduce the number of vehicles on our roads.

More expansion to the rail system is needed to get the people to their destinations quicker. This means more trains more frequently and more express trains for outer suburbs that actually can get to the city faster (not sitting behind the slower all station trains). An example is that the rail line to Sutherland should be 4 tracks so that two lines can be used for all stations and the other two for express trains from waterfall and cronulla. These express trains would stop at sutherland and then Redfern and all to bondi.

The time savings would also encourage more people to use the trains. Other rail corridors need to be reviewed in a similar fashion.

Also the signalling we use is so old the locations of our trains is hard to know. Overseas the signalling systems are much later technology and trains locations can be pinpointed much more accurately.

This means spending more money BUT the results will be a much more efficeint rail network , with happier passengers and then the opportunity to increase fares .

In other words encourage people to use the ststem not discourage. Dangle the carrot. Make it more worthwhile for regular users to buy tickets less frequently ( cheaper weeklies, monthlies and annual tickets) . This would also save on number of tickets needing to be issued and thus other savings in labour etc.

Regards

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