

Hi

While I am opposed to any price increase as I don't believe that the services they provide are adequate to justify one, I am making a submission a little bit different to this.

I am a Wollongong resident, and regularly catch the train into Sydney. The price of a full fare into the City is ridiculous (currently at \$17.60). This means a couple will pay almost \$40 at this rate for a day trip during peak times. The offpeak rate offers a return ticket for \$10.80, which while still very high, I am prepared to live with. However, to decrease the off peak discount by the proposed rate would simply force me to use the car, as there would be no cost benefit in catching the train.

If this increase is approved, perhaps a recommendation to use a higher discount for inter-city services (as compared to suburban) is appropriate. I am sure other intercity commuters would feel the same way. After all, we are subject to significantly reduced services than the Sydney suburban services.

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