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I am very concerned with the suggested fare increase by RailCorp. I cannot understand how a fare increase can be justified, given the poor service that is currently in place. Trains repeatedly running late or cancelled and I know that Rail Corp will trot out the worn out excuse that most services run on time under the new time table. I just wish I could use the excuse that being five to ten minute late meant that I am on time. This excuse does not seem to have any validity at any work place except with railcorp. I wonder if railcorp management understand the stress that you go through time after time when you arrive late for work and again have to explain to your Supervisor the same lame excuse. Lack of air conditioning and over crowding is a major concern, especially in the western suburbs. Missing Bus connections because of train delays has caused problems for families who can only afford one car. I have even tried leaving earlier but end up LATE as usual. My average day spent travelling to and from work has now increased by nearly one hour .

Instead of a fare increase, I feel that a decrease may be more in order, or maybe some sort of compensation to cover the private sector for productivity loss by it's employees who are repeatedly late because of train delays or cancellations.