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TO THE INDEPENDENT AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL,
I ROSANNA WOULD LIKE TO OPPOSE
THE DECISION TO INCREASE TRAIN FARES TO THE CITY
REASON BEING PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF MOSTLY TRAVEL
AFTER 9AM, BEFORE THIS TIME IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO



CATCH THE TRAIN WITHOUT BEING PUSHED AND SHOVED,
DOES THIS MEAN PEOPLE SHOULD BE COMPENSATED FOR
THE AMOUNT OF STRESS WE SUFFER DURING OUR
DISCOMFORT TRIP TO THE CITY. WE DO NOT PAY
ANY LESS, OUR FARES ARE THE SAME PRICE. THE
REASON WHY THE TRANSPORT MINISTER JOHN WATKIN
WANTS TO INCREASE THE FARE^{AFTER 9AM} IS BECAUSE HE WANTS
TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE DURING THE QUIET
PERIOD. SO DOES THIS MEAN CAFE SHOPS SHOULD CHARGE
EXTRA TO BUY A COFFEE OR FOOD AFTER 9AM DURING
THEIR QUIET PERIOD? I DON'T ~~HE~~ THINK SO. CUSTOMER
WOULD NOT BE HAPPY AND PROBABLY NOT RETURN
TO THE COFFEE SHOP. THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE MINISTER
TRYING TO DO.

THE PEOPLE THAT ARE TARGETED ARE MOTHERS,
PART-TIMERS, CASUAL WORKERS AND UNEMPLOYED
PEOPLE. WHY SHOULD ^{THE} INNER WEST BE DISCRIMINATED
FOR ~~LEA~~ LIVING IN THIS AREA? WHY ARE WE
TARGETED?

SOMEONE LIKE MYSELF WOULD BE HIT
VERY HARD. I'M NOT WORKING HAVING TO TRAVEL

TO THE CITY AT LEAST THREE (3) TIMES A WEEK⁽²⁾
TO ATTEND TO SICK PARENTS HAVING TO TAKE
THEM TO THE HOSPITALS OR DOCTORS, UNTIL THEY
GET BETTER. I DON'T DRIVE AND RELY ON PUBLIC
TRANSPORT. I'VE INQUIRED ABOUT A WEEKLY
NOT WORTH IT, FOR ME. THE BEST OPTION IS
WHAT I AM DOING. IF THE FARES GO UP ANY
MORE I PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO
CARE FOR MY PARENTS, HAVING TO APPLY FOR
GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO GET A NURSE WHICH
MEANS TAXPAYERS WOULD BE BURDEN WITH THE
COST.

PEOPLE ARE SLUGGED WITH PRICE INCREASES
FAR MORE THAN WHAT WE RECEIVE IN OUR PAY PACKET.
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSE TO COPE WITH THIS ROBBERY
INCREASES. THE MINISTER SHOULD SPEND MORE
TIME TRAVELLING IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT PAYING FOR
TRAVELLING AND LESS TIME TRYING TO FIGURE OUT
HOW TO ROB US COMMUTERS HE WILL UNDERSTAND
THAT IT IS NOT SO EFFICIENT AS HE CLAIMS.
I KEEP NOTES OF ALL THE LATE ARRIVALS AND
THERE IS A LOT MORE LATE THAN ON TIME.

So I don't know where the minister is attaining his information from. We have to remember that after 9am everything is much quieter around, so ~~that~~ it should run smoother, not as many commuters around. Why doesn't he concentrate on improving the transport before 9am not worrying about increasing the fares after 9am.

In writing this I hope I part not only considers my decision but considers other serious enough to not allow these increases after 9am to go ahead. There is absolutely no reason for the price increase. We are paying enough to travel in ~~cheap~~ ~~to~~ grubby noisy cramped and smelly trams.

Thank You
Rosanna.