

I would like to advise my dissatisfaction with the proposed increase to train fares due to commence in the New Year.

I work a long day catching a train at 5.40 am and leaving in time to catch a train around 6pm. The last thing I want to see at 6pm, is the use of a 6 car train or even a 4 car train, if there is a problem with rolling stock.

The reason we have to put up with crowded 6 car trains is that rolling stock is transferred to new lines such as the Airport line and now the Chatswood line. The former old stock was removed due to age, but it would be a normal in private practise to retain some of the older units, until new were delivered, **to cover all requirements**.

If the Government cannot afford new stock, why did they remove all old stock? Despite all promises, we do not travel in comfort and the Western suburbs are booming with a tremendous growth. If the Government do not want to buy new stock, why not run some incoming trains via Circular Quay, as is the case with S W trains, so they head West with seats available. This is done when trains are out of timetable order and they want to get them out of the City. At the moment trains are running half empty to N Sydney and beyond (due to the frequency from the West).

I believe the Government promised not to raise fares until the service was improved, I hardly believe slowing trains to make sure they run on time, is an improvement.

I would ask that no fare increase is allowed until the public receives a good train service where the customer is looked after and thought is given to how to improve the stock you have to run trains.