

17 October 2008

Subject: Review of City rail pricing

Dear Ipart

Please consider my submission.

I don't agree with City Rail's request to increase the ticket cost. I currently pay \$36 for a weekly to wait 20 minutes on an overcrowded platform, stand on an overcrowded hot train and be delayed every day for work.

I understand that we need better facilities and it cost money, but I believe City Rail need to better manage there funds to do this and not continually ask for the tickets to be increased.

At the current rate of cost I'll need to strongly consider my future employment and the way I travel. I may need to quite my job and look for work closer to home as I am spending most of my income in rail tickets. Or my other option my be to drive to work and pay for parking. I have looked at this at there is very little difference in cost between driving to work and paying for parking (even with fuel cost). I believe this will be the current trend with most commuters. This will of course increase city traffic and other environmental issues.

I have travelled to 3rd world countries were they have better transport infrastructure. I was currently in South America were they pay the equivalent of AU\$3 for a travel anywhere one way ticket. Why do we pay so much? I would like to know were my money is going.

I am frustrated and annoyed that City Rail are asking for ticket price increase. Please strongly consider refusing this increase for the benefit of all people struggling to survive cost increases.

Thankyou

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