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Subject: Train Fare Increase Proposal

I read and hear with great dismay the intention to increase train fares by 25%.

You have got to be kidding !!

What should be done is to radically cut public transport fares.

This will lead to greater patronage, less cars on the roads, less green house gases etc etc.

Government public transport should never be budgeted to break even or even make a profit. It should be budgeted to make a loss and price the services so that everyone can afford them. Make it cheap and reliable and you have a winner. Who knows, with increased patronage the losses might not be so great in the end.

Think about it before making any rash recommendations.