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**Subject:** Train price increase

I am writing to protest about the train ticket price increase. In these hard economic times we can't afford to pay more for public transport - especially given the Sydney public transport system is poorly planned and run and commuters are yet to see any promised improvements. I know my wages are not going up anywhere near CPI, and I find it hard to justify a price increase on a public transport system when a lot of money is wasted on unnecessary costs - today there were about 6 guards at the end of each ticket gate bank at Wynyard station, many standing around doing nothing. I don't like the idea of a price increase when money such as staff wages is clearly being wasted.

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