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Subject: Rail Fare

To Whom It May Concern

I have used the train service from emu plains to the city for 26 years. In that time I have refused a company vehicle because I chose for my convenience and at a cost to me and my family to travel on the train.

If the suggested price rise is implemented I will have no choice BUT to accept a company car and add to the already congested roads of Sydney, but why would I care when my employer is paying for the fuel.

I am a single father of 2 boys and a huge rise would just be the final straw...sorry but I do not fall in your stated income of \$97000....I'll gladly take a pay rise if you will employ me...my hours of employment is 7.30 to 4pm so I do not have a choice of varying my start and finishing times...please lets be reasonable and think about the future....people using trains or is it only for the wealthy??

I have traveled in Europe and I must say the train service in Germany is excellent.....and CHEAP.. If you are going to penalise people for living out of inner Sydney you will only force people to move out of NSW, people living at Penrith, Blue Mountains, Gosford do so for housing affordability and lifestyle. targeting all these voting people will condemn the labour party to hell for the next decade or more.....

I know the current old rolling stock will be phased out and ALL new trains will be maintained by contractors eg. millennium trains(EDI) who are under heavy penalties if trains are late due to problems...so the train maintenance issues will have no cost to NSW people because the supplier carries the risk of train parts, performance and supply issues...

Thank you