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Subject: Submission re TRAIN PRICE INCREASES

Dear IPART

We are APPALLED at the prospect of the State Government increasing fares on our bodgey train "services".

There is no justification for this given in 2008 we have:

- FEWER services
- CANCELLED and ALWAYS LATE services
- SLOWER services (it takes LONGER to go from A to B than it did 100 years ago (1898) in Sydney)
- DIRTY services
- UNSAFE and CROWDED services
- OLD, UNAIRCONDITIONED trains
- The HIGH \$\$\$ of FARES already.

It is a daily struggle to get to work and to get home - it takes hours and every day's commute is a stress.

It is also already expensive for "real" workers: whatever happened to the LABOR concept that "public transport is for the workers"? Your media repeatedly say that "rich" "white-collar commuters" use the trains and earn an average \$98K. You say the ferry service is for an "elite", rich worker. You must be kidding. How are ""POOR"" people meant to get around?