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Subject: Railcorp Fare Increases

I certainly do not earn what Impart claims is the average commuter income of \$97917.00 pa, and I know that the majority of commuters in my area are in the same position as me. In my neighbourhood the average income is less than half of the stated average income. Any further increase (we have already had increases this year) will put a huge burden on my already stretched finances.

Considering the current Economic circumstances, with household budgets stretched to the maximum, to increase fares seems to be contrary to the Governments plans to stimulate the economy to avoid recession.

Many people, especially in outlying areas, are worried about retaining their jobs, and have enough problems without Railcorp making it more expensive to travel to work.

If I could suggest Railcorp looks at the economic sense in having 20 security men at town hall station checking tickets last week (most chatting up young ladies). If we cut back on them, at the average income of \$97K, Railcorp could possibly make the savings they require and stop moving the pressure for the poor management of Railcorp to the commuters who already have to contend with overcrowding/over or under heating/ dirty carriages/bad timekeeping/and rude staff.

No-one is willing to pay more for poor service.

Regards

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