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Subject: Increases to rail ticket prices is not something we the public agree with

Afternoon

Public transport should be encourage patronage. Not a reason to leave public transport, only to drive as it is less frustrating. Even with high petrol prices.

London transport does not charges for minors or the elderly and run well the last time I visited.

Sydney trains on the other hand

- Do not run on time.
Statistics saying they do are manipulated. Within 5 minutes is not on time. Cancelled trans should also be included in late running times.
- Trains running slower than the red rattler days. In excess of 1 hour from Berowra to Townhall is a developing country standard.
- Poor services to outlying stations – 10pm St night at Hornsby Station and the next train to Berowra isn't for another 51 minutes.
- Poor time tables – an express train runs slowly as its behind an all stops. Not too smart.

Essentially the train service in Sydney is atrocious and in no way deserves a ticket increase.

Regards

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