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2008 Review of Metropolitan Bus Fares
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Dear Sir,

FARE EVASION

Before approving bus fare increases as a means of increasing revenue, IPART might satisfy itself that fare evasion on Sydney metropolitan bus services is within reasonable bounds.

In the case of CityRail, fare evasion is blatant, being quite visible by the number of predominantly younger people who walk through the station ticket barriers by pushing the barrier "leaves" apart. Of equal concern is the reluctance of CityRail's barrier supervisory staff to do anything about it.

Fare evasion on buses may be more difficult to detect, as it can be more easily disguised.

IPART should satisfy itself that the bus owners and operators are taking sufficient steps to maximise revenue collection by the prevention of fare evasion, before it approves a general fare increase in order to increase that revenue.

You have my permission to publish this submission.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Nat Buckley

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