

Dear review panel,

Please consider the proposed price increases to bus fares in the larger context. The current and appreciable shift to public transport (resulting from the increase in petrol prices) is an ideal opportunity to create a change in the market for public transport.

An increase in the use of public transport has numerous benefits, as I'm sure you are aware, for health, the environment, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, town planning, traffic congestion etc.

Increasing fares, at this time, ensures the shift to public transport is a temporary one. Please choose the option that raises a little per/person revenue from a large number of public transport users rather than higher revenue from a smaller number of public transport users.

Hopefully the revenue raised is the same but the benefits of more customers at lower fares are innumerable and good decision-making.

regards,

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