

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to object to the planned increases to bus fares which I read about in the Sun-Telegraph of 17 September.

I am a regular purchaser of the Brown Travel Ten and the Blue Travel Ten - I buy these to "save" money - but lately the single bus fare cost is not substantially different to the Travel Ten cost.

You should offer an incentive to people to buy Travel Tens as they speed up bus journeys with people not having to fiddle with small change. Increasing prices on Travel Tens is a disincentive for people to pre-purchase for future journeys.

Also I would like to comment on the fact that bus fares are not interchangeable on journeys - there should be a system introduced like in Melbourne where a 2 hour or day ticket is available for purchase and is a "ride as much as you like system". It's a far more user friendly approach to public transport use and is similar to systems in places such as London.

Finally as a user of the Sydney Ferries I would like to see a combined Bus/Ferry ticket system introduced as well - currently a single Inner Harbour trip is \$5 one way. A return therefore from Cremorne Point to Circular Quay is an astonishing and excessive price of \$10!!! Then we have to pay for the bus that meets each ferry. At this price the ferry ride should be INCLUSIVE of the ferry ride.

When there is more than 2 people - I often make the decision to drive as at these prices, it is often cheaper to make the journey by car instead of public transport.

I hope that my comments are taken into consideration in your decision making.

Yours faithfully

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