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Your submission for this review:

It is within my personal view that Public Transport should be totally free, however of course that can not be how it is in NSW, rather than it should be as low as it can be. I travel between Sydney and Newcastle quite a lot, because I have a distanced Relationship with my boyfriend, we are both Uni students, we can both drive, but because of lower income, for the time being ,we both wish to achieve our priorities by gaining a tertiary education for a long term successful career, we take the train too and from each others cities, so we can see each other and spend time with each other. The cost of whether to drive or too train it, the total difference of the round trip is about \$60 as the cost of petrol will reduce and then therefore it does come into question of time. The drive between Newcastle too Sydney can be about 2 hours - 2 hours and 20mins, the train ride can vary between 2 and 30 mins too 3 hours or worse if there is track line work. The sole argument for people to take the train, is because either they can not drive and or would rather not drive, if they are there for a short time, like if they are attending a event or concert. But too argue that people who will be there for a longer time than 1 - 2 days, are better off taking the train is only because it is cheaper, therefore if the cost were to increase and get closer to how much it would be to simply drive, then the argument is mute. However, I understand that of course government services have too run at a total profit, but the fact that my trip or my boyfriends trip between Broadmeadow station too Strathfield station is near \$10 or with student cost near \$4.50, and therefore double that for the round trip. Additional, we should be encouraging more people to take public transport to reduce our Carbon Footprint, with this potential increase, I can hardly see that being an encouraging factor. Overall I would insist that you keep the price as low as you can, with as little Profit.