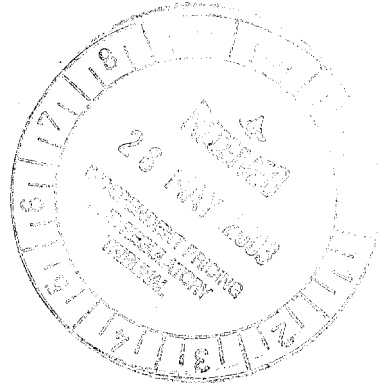


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The Chairman,
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Dear Sir,

Ref: Determination of City Rail and State Transit Fares


My suggestion is that the Pensioner Excursion fares, \$1.10, \$2.20 and \$3.30 be change as follows:

- 1.) That the current three zones be abolished and replace with one zone, based on the current Outer Metropolitan zone,
- 2.) The fare to be \$3. Also a weekly fare rate of say \$10 apply,
- 3.) That all travel restrictions with the current fare, be abolished. Example the restrictions on the Jet-Cat no longer apply,
- 4.) That travel on CountryLink services be allowed, on day of travel bookings only. Example travel from Lithgow to Bathurst, which is currently allowed by bus only. My proposal is allow travel by CountryLink services, day of travel only bookings. Another example to this is, person be allowed too travel Parramatta to Bathurst on the XPT service, but day travel only bookings. Why need to join at Lithgow, if their is vacant seats anyway.
- 5.) That the current pensioners one-hundred-twenty-nine kilometres fare for CountryLink fares, be abolished, and replaced with a fare of \$1 per one-hundred kilometres, single fare. This fare can be used in conjunction with my proposal \$3 and as I have outlined in 4.).

I understand that your inquiry, does not deal with CountryLink fares. But their is some current over-lapping, as re travel by CountryLink buses to and from Lithgow to Bathurst.

If required I'm willing to attend the hearings.

Yours Faithfully,


Graham S. Eames.