

The Chairperson
Independent Pricing & Tribunal
of NSW
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Dear Sir

Re Government Transport Fares.

I wish to make the following submission regarding the increase Government Transport Fares.

1. I am on a Disability Support pension and welcome the \$1.10 ticket. However I am also aware of the discrimination in this allowance, as many people do not have access to Government Transport until they have used Private Buses to arrive at the relevant Government Facility. Therefore I would support an increase say, to \$2.00 to include all those outside Government Transport Gathment areas.

2. I am concerned Public Transport, ^{Fares} is to rise when I am increasingly aware of wastage of Taxpayers money in the State Rail. e.g. Some years ago I made a submission of seats being left to rot on train line, (regardless of the danger of causing a derailment) I for a long time use to report seats when I saw them, and have even done so lately. However my reports appear to be ignored as I am still seeing a number of seats on the tracks between Epping and West Ryde. Some years ago I was told by management seats could be replaced if they were returned to the Depot. This is obviously not happening and is as stated above a dreadful waste of taxpayers money.

Also at many stations there are not collectors for the tickets and people are allowed to leave the trains without being in possession of a ticket. They may run the risk of getting caught, however I have known people to jump fences and also if they see an Inspector go to any length to avoid detection.

State Rail have refused to have man power at station thus allowing this disgraceful situation to continue.

How can they be seriously concerned with losing over \$1m a day when stations are so badly undermanned, and they approve of Fare Evasion by their NON ACTION

3. Unreliable, Late and Cancelled trains mean a lack of patronage. In closing I do not think they should have the massive increase in fares until they clean up their own act internally.

Yours sincerely


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