

Submission for Train Fair increases.

Well like most of the City rail commuters I do not agree to paying additional for my current ticket for the reasons listed below.

- In the past Year on the Central Coast line between Gosford and Wyong there has been 4 blocks of 2 weeks where the line has been closed to all bar 2 trains in the morning and afternoon respectively. I questioned cityrail on this as to why it is needed and I was told for safety reasons, so I ask if they need to do 8 weeks of maintenance then how unsafe was the line prior to the work, and there is another 2 weeks coming up.
- I asked for an explanation of why it took so long to maintain the line, as in the 8 weeks they could basically build a new line in total let alone maintain the line.
- The train on Tuesday 6:19 from Tuggerah was cancelled at Hornsby there was no announcement made on the train but there was on the platform and the only reason that the carriage that I was on was emptied was another passenger told us what was going on.
- If this was a private company they would have gone out of business a long time ago with the level of service they have not been providing.
- Since I started catching the train over 6 years ago the fares have increased a number of times and there are no more trains running and the level of service has not increased, so what are we paying for and increase in less services available due to breakdowns.

If the train fares raise to a point where it is even \$30 dearer a week to drive I will consider it.

The staff are so helpful as well, last week my wife and baby came to the city and the train had 1 minute to go before departure and when we were at the bottom of the stairs with the pram the guard closed the doors looked at us waved and then proceeded to depart, now as the train was early and the next one was 30 minutes away that was so nice of him would you not agree.

There is a reason that City rail has so many nicknames that defame the service that they must be true.

I have traveled to many places around the world and find the Sydney transport lines a joke, we may have won the war but we got lost behind in the infrastructure department. And now the government has no money and has to cut proposed new lines now there is another good reason to give them money so they can play the pokies, it is just crap.