

Sent: Tuesday, 4 November 2008 10:04 PM  
Subject: Increase in rail fares

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed rises in train fares. I live in Erina on the Central Coast and I have little choice other than to commute to the city each day for work due to the high unemployment on the Central Coast.

The proposed rise in train fares will have a detrimental financial impact on myself and my family as I my income is the main income in our household. Like everyone else we are affected by rises in food, petrol and other expenses and the rise in train fares is something we can ill afford in this current economic climate.

I can never understand why the government doesn't create more incentives for those who use public transport (such as being able to claim fares as a tax deduction) and create disincentives (such as congestion tax) for those who drive unnecessarily adding to the environmental costs.

I urge you consider the impact on commuters who travel by train who have no choice but to commute in order to make a living.