

Dear Sir,

Sending in my submission to the above discussion. Heard that Railcorp will increase train fares By up to 30%. This is absolutely disgusting and a total rip off when commuters catching trains

Especially the Cumberland line that travels from Campbelltown to Parramatta (mind you, not direct train line) but we have to catch 2 trains in the morning and most afternoons 3 trains to get home back to Campbelltown as we don't hardly have any direct trainlines. ALL our trains are absolutely filthy, stink, graffitied throughout the train, ripped seats, NO air conditioning or heating in any of the Granville lines and we freeze in the morning as Campbelltown is cold in the morningswe had an Increase in fares not long ago, but STIL WE GOT NOTHING FOR IT.....our services are PATHETIC, trains are late ALL the time, cancelled most days. When we have a direct trainline in the morning, its scheduled for too early and its cancelled at least 3 times a week anyway, so why bother trying to get out of bed super early to make it when you know you have to wait another 40 mins to get the next train because that one you aim to get directly to Parramatta is always cancelled.

How disgusting to think that we have to pay for MORE train increases when we get NO service whatsoever, sickening old rattler trains that should have been taken off the tracks years ago. We are so so far behind in technology. Maybe the government should travel overseas and check to see how other countries trains run and how fast they run and how great they look, and then compare them to our HORRIBLE trains especially the one's Campbelltown commuters get to go to Parramatta via Granville. It takes us so long to get anywhere from here. Our fares are already super high as is, cost of living has gone up so much, all the bills have gone up, petrol at a frightening price and still going up, interest rate hikes that never seem to stop going up like petrol, water, electricity. But you know what - WAGES don't go up to keep up with inflation, so why is the government allowing all these things going up when people just cannot afford anything. We struggle with life as is. So where is the logic in this increase trainfares, when you know damn well we will see NOTHING for it - no new trains on our line (maybe for North Shore as they look after that area and Penrith first) before Campbelltown?????? Discrimination..... No one gives a damn about us or how late we get to work and back home and how much stress we go through everyday when we hear trains are running 9 mins late or 18 mins late (during peak time), our trains from Leumeah (Campbelltown) going to Granville in peak time mind you, run one every 40 mins. Whereas City lines run every 10 mins ?????? Figure that out, when so many people work at Parramatta, but we can't there.....we get up super early to get the direct trainline that is always cancelled every week and unreliable. So why do we have to pay for the fare increases when we get no service and haven't got direct trainlines or safe trains and disgusting to travel on they are so dirty.....????????? I think the government should foot the whole bill himself - after all we had surplus so use that money, and if there isnt any surplus - then he sure Charges us a lot of tax - so where is the money going to????? We seem to pay for all the governments mistakes e.g.. City tunnel, Lane Cove tunnel (which Iemma contributed to) and we the taxpayers had to pay for that..... I totally disagree with this increase. Our fares are TOO HIGH as it is and would NOT be fair for us to have to pay the hike when we get no extra wages for it. And if we get a tax cut.....won't hold my breath on that.....it will be gone before we get it anyway as everything else goes up again and again, so we don't see any money in our pockets cos its taken away by government again. Commuters will be very angry if this train fare increase goes through. Its so unfair and a totally huge rip off. I think NSW and Sydney is too expensive to live here and I will be looking to move interstate where they have much better services than NSW.

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