

MEDIA RELEASE

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O'FARRELL INCREASES PUBLIC TRANSPORT FARES BY 5.4 PER CENT

\$156 EXTRA FOR PENRITH COMMUTERS EACH YEAR

The O'Farrell Government's decision to increase public transport fares by a massive 5.4 per cent from next month is a slap in the face for commuters, Shadow Transport Minister, Penny Sharpe said today.

"The O'Farrell Government is sending public transport fares skyrocketing for hundreds of thousands of commuters in NSW," Ms Sharpe said.

"The O'Farrell Government's fare increase will cost the average Penrith commuter travelling to the City each week an extra \$156 per year.

"For a bus commuter travelling from Castle Hill to the City each weekday, it will cost an extra \$100 each year.

"Increasing public transport fares by 5.4 per cent shows just how out of touch the O'Farrell Government is with NSW families.

"This increase is well above the rate of inflation and will only hurt families already doing it tough.

"The O'Farrell Government can hardly expect people to keep travelling by public transport if it is going to push prices so high it becomes unaffordable."

MYMULTI FARE INCREASES

	Current weekly fare	New weekly fare	Extra cost per year
MyMulti 3 – i.e. Penrith to City	\$57	\$60	\$156
MyMulti 2 – i.e. Parramatta to City	\$48	\$51	\$156
MyMulti 1 – i.e. Rockdale to City	\$41	\$43	\$104

TRAIN FARE INCREASES

	Weekly	Extra cost per year	Single
Penrith to City	Up \$3 to \$50	\$156	Up \$0.40 to \$6.40
Gosford to City	Up \$3 to \$59	\$156	Up \$0.40 to \$8.20
Parramatta to City	Up \$2 to \$39	\$104	Up \$0.20 to \$4.80

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Table 2.1 Comparison of current and new 2012 prices for rail tickets

Ticket type	Current price	2 January 2012	% increase
Single			
MyTrain1	\$3.20	\$3.40	6.3%
MyTrain2	\$4.00	\$4.20	5.0%
MyTrain3	\$4.60	\$4.80	4.3%
MyTrain4	\$6.00	\$6.40	6.7%
MyTrain5	\$7.80	\$8.20	5.1%
Weekly			
MyTrain1	\$25.00	\$26.00	4.0%
MyTrain2	\$31.00	\$33.00	6.5%
MyTrain3	\$37.00	\$39.00	5.4%
MyTrain4	\$47.00	\$50.00	6.4%
MyTrain5	\$56.00	\$59.00	5.4%
Off-peak return			
MyTrain1	\$4.40	\$4.60	4.5%
MyTrain2	\$5.40	\$5.80	7.4%
MyTrain3	\$6.40	\$6.60	3.1%
MyTrain4	\$8.20	\$8.80	7.3%
MyTrain5	\$10.80	\$11.40	5.6%

Source: Transport for NSW.

Table 2.2 Comparison of current and new 2012 prices for bus tickets

Ticket type	Current price	2 January 2012	% increase
Single			
MyBus1	\$2.00	\$2.10	5.0%
MyBus2	\$3.30	\$3.50	6.1%
MyBus3	\$4.30	\$4.50	4.7%
TravelTen			
MyBus1	\$16.00	\$16.80	5.0%
MyBus2	\$26.40	\$28.00	6.1%
MyBus3	\$34.40	\$36.00	4.7%
Newcastle time-based			
1 hour	\$3.30	\$3.50	6.1%
4 hour	\$6.40	\$6.80	6.3%
All day	\$9.80	\$10.30	5.1%
TimeTen 1 hour	\$26.80	\$28.30	5.6%

Source: Transport for NSW.