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**INQUIRY INTO REMOVING OR REDUCING STATION
ACCESS FEES AT SYDNEY AIRPORT**

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With regards to travelling to and from Sydney airport, the primary focus must be towards getting as many travellers as possible to use the train network. This has two significant advantages, firstly that it reduces pollution and secondly that it reduces the amount of traffic on our overcrowded roads.

Thus, the policy with respect to the station access fee must be set to encourage as many people as possible to take the train. At the current time, the fare situation often provides an economic incentive for passengers to avoid using the train. For example, a group of travellers of two or more will often find it cheaper to use a taxi while a single traveller can get cheaper rates in a shared van to a hotel or hostel. These economic biases mean that the ridership levels on the airport train are lower than they would normally be.

By the above practical arguments, (as well as the fact that the access fee is unjust profiteering by a monopoly), I would recommend removing completely all station access fees at Sydney Airport.

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