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Changes to Activ Transport Services' Fee Structure

Activ would like to announce important changes to its Transport Services' fee structure.

Activ will align its fares from August 16th 2008, to the Mobility Allowance (standard daily rate \$7.59) that is provided to eligible people with disability by Centrelink.

Activ needs to increase the fares to equal the Mobility Allowance to meet the increased pressure on our service in a climate of rising fuel, labour, maintenance and other costs. If we do not take this step, our service – with the second biggest bus fleet after the PTA – would not remain viable.

The reason for the fare alignment is that operational costs have risen significantly for Activ's transport fleet over the past five years as these comparisons below clearly demonstrate:

Timeframe	Diesel Prices	Driver's Wages	Transport Fees
June 2003	\$0.93 cents per litre average	\$13.15 per hour	\$4.96 per day
June 2008	\$1.85 cents per litre average	\$17.60 per hour	\$5.70 per day

Additionally, our annual fleet maintenance costs have increased by approximately 30%.

This fare alignment is vital in ensuring that the transport service continues to be viable.

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