

RailCorp stands by its position on petrol prices and patronage.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* report (Petrol crisis fuels bus, train crush 30 May) described rising fuel costs as a major factor driving increased CityRail patronage.

RailCorp's position is that employment growth in the Sydney CBD is the major single factor driving the 4.4% growth in CityRail patronage over the past year.

This factor is so dominant that it makes it difficult to identify any correlation between movement in patronage levels and lesser potential factors such as fluctuations in petrol prices.