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Dear Anthony

Thank you for your letter of 18 April 2006 and the information provided regarding the new fare structure for Metlink.

Developing a fare structure for bus and train services that is fair, consistent and easy to use across the Metlink network is an initiative I support. The concern I have with the new fares being linked to the new zones is the increase in cost of travel for people who use public transport. For example the 150 percent increase in a bus fare that goes through two zones from \$1 to \$2.50 is substantial.

I understand that the increase in fares reflects increased public transport costs, however we should be trying to encourage increased use of public transport and such significant increases could make this less appealing.

I do support a simplified fare system and commend Metlink for creating an integrated public transport system that will be easier to use across all means of public transport.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trevor Mallard', written over the typed name.

Hon Trevor Mallard
MP for HUTT SOUTH

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Dear Mr Mallard

Fare go consultation

Thank you for your letter of 11 May 2006 concerning our proposals for fares.

I just wanted to clarify that the \$1.00 to \$2.50 fare increase will only occur where a short journey crosses a new fare zone boundary where there is no boundary at present. It is almost exclusively a Wellington City issue; the only instance in the Hutt Valley is a possible new boundary on the Hutt Road between Belmont and Melling. It will not occur anywhere in your electorate. The bus fare from Wainuiomata to Waterloo and central Lower Hutt will remain at \$2.50 cash, and \$2.00 using a farecard.

Yours Sincerely

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