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Submission: Hello, I am a regular Opal user of Sydney Trains travelling from Richmond and/or Penrith to Blacktown for work. I have previously been a traveller from Richmond and/or Penrith to Central. I would not be very happy if fares increased as the service, I believe, is not that reliable. As to fares, I do not understand how a short trip to Blacktown is not much less than travelling all the way to Central.

I would like to see a more reasonable charge for travelling shorter distances. Given a trip all the way in to Central for me is, I recall, about \$6.79 one way and a fare to Blacktown is \$5.15. One would have thought that \$4.00 to Blacktown might be a bit more reasonable.

The capping of \$50 a week does not really benefit me. Perhaps there should be a capping of \$40 a week for someone who travels a regular shorter distance.

The working person should be rewarded for using public transport and not overcharged. I feel I am overcharged.

If train fares increase it may be more beneficial for me to drive to work. As it is I spend about \$46.00 per week travelling by train and petrol on top of that to drive to the station. That comes out of my net pay and is not tax deductible. I may as well remain in my car and travel to work in comfort.

Thank you.