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Submission: Fares should have the same method of calculation across all modes of transport. Buses and Ferries use 'as the crow flies', while trains use 'distance traveled between stations'. It would be simpler if all used the 'as the crow flies' method. There would be no more need for the 'discount' when changing transport modes between trains and buses or ferries.

Also, why can't Opal cards be on all public transport across the state? It would be simpler if all buses, even in regional areas, used Opal cards. You can catch the train to Lithgow on your Opal card, but you have to pay cash when catching a bus to and from Lithgow station. Issue of not using Opal cards on regional bus services impacts those who have a Gold Opal Card. Instead of paying just \$2.50 for their day's travel, they pay extra because the cash fare for the bus to the station is not part of that \$2.50 cap.

Wouldn't it also be safer for bus drivers to not have to carry cash on the buses, if all buses across the state used Opal Cards? Using Opal Cards on regional train services are a more problematic issue due to the need to book a seat on the services. But for buses... I think it is a logical option.