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Submission: As a self-funded retiree, we receive no concessions other than the Gold Opal card for all the years of having worked hard and saved our money. If we had decided not to be so careful with our money and I had not worked then we would have been eligible for government payouts and numerous concessions, but I chose not to be a burden on society and do what I could to be self sufficient. The Gold Opal card and the \$2.50 cap was my holy grail in retirement and the only thing that acknowledged our sacrifices. I am shocked at the huge increase in our daily cap proposed by this report.

I fully agree that there should be an increase in the \$2.50 cap, as this has been more than generous over so many years, but to increase it by close to 400% is quite a shock!

I look forward to having a weekly social outing using my Gold Opal but I will certainly have to re-consider if I can afford the luxury of this social activity if it is going to cost me so much as well as the added increase in cost of other incidental travel such as shopping and doctors appointments.