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Submission: Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to express my complete opposition to the proposed hike in the daily rate for use of a seniors concession OPAL card from the current level of \$2.50 to \$9.00. This means that a day's trip for my wife and I into the city for example would cost us \$18 versus the current \$5 which is affordable.

We are self funded retirees, 70 years of age and living on a very modest allocated pension. Such a hike in travel cost would result in my wife and I finding it difficult to get out and about. She doesn't drive and I now seldom drive. A hike in fares would encourage me to drive more often, taking up space on what are already overcrowded roads.

A substantial increase in the concession fare would certainly inhibit us, and may even stop us from undertaking some of the several volunteer activities which require us to travel in Sydney.

Please reconsider this proposal.

Tony and Robyn Lewis

