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Submission: My concern is the proposed increase in fares for self funded retirees. While some may be "well off" on high incomes from massive property and share incomes, many are retired teachers, police and public servants on incomes of \$35,000 to \$65,000. These people can't go back to work to add to their superannuation incomes now but they still need to travel and manage their income. From their previous occupations some have a commitment to community service and volunteer one or more days per week.

Significantly reducing their mobility through raised fares and inability to use a gold opal card would not be fair.

Any increase to GST is a terrible threat to this group as compensation would be challenging due to the low or no taxes paid on their superannuation payments and lack of welfare entitlement.

Don't create a subclass of disenfranchised self funded retirees. They have done the right thing through their working lives to provide for future needs, they don't need to pay extra at the last moment.