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Submission: I do not agree to the abolition of the 8 journey weekly cap. I understand that some people exploit the system by travelling short distances at the beginning of the week to enjoy free travel for the remainder of the week, but the majority of people (such as myself) use public transports to go to work and back, therefore using them only when necessary. I don't think it's fair to penalize honest people such as myself in order to punish those (who, I am sure, are the minority) who exploit the system. In my case, I used to purchase weekly travel passes that allowed me to use trains, buses and ferries for around \$38 a week. With the Opal card I have been saving approx. \$1 a week. If the 8 journey weekly cap is scrapped I will have to add at least 2 more trips a week to my expenses, for a cost of over \$7.5 per week, which would amount to around \$390 per year (without taking into account the already planned fare increases). And I can be considered one of the lucky ones, since I don't have to travel long distances. In my opinion, a change to the weekly cap would have a bad impact on a lot of commuters and discourage a lot of people from using public transports.