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Submission: I wish to register my concern at the recommendations proposed by ipart with respect to the Opal Gold Card available to Seniors who work no more than 20 hours per week.

On the one hand we are told that Seniors should keep active and mobile- (while discouraging them from driving and telling them to use public transport) and on the other it seems that those Self-funded retirees will be penalized by an extremely large increase in the daily fare cap!

According to what I read it seemed a concern of Ipart that "wealthy seniors" were accessing a greater benefit than the general community. From what I have of my peers, they use their Opal Card perhaps once a fortnight or so. That hardly seems a huge impost on the Government funds (which are actually the funds I contribute anyway!).

Further I doubt if "wealthy Seniors" would make much use of an Opal card anyway.

Perhaps you can understand that some seniors are relatively well-off because they have funded their own retirement? And are less of a burden on the Community?

So Ipart would seek to diminish/reduce this tiny benefit earned after 45 years or so of being a Tax/Rate payer? This Gold opal card is literally the only benefit I get as a Senior!

I am not happy and request that you pass on my concerns.