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Submission: Hi,

The idea to stop penalising people for changing modes of transport is great - it's long since time that Sydney switched to either a zone or distance-based fare structure.

What worries me though, as a commuter who relies on the trains to get to/from work 5 days a week, is the plan to remove discounts for regular travellers. Before Opal the old paper ticket system had significant discounts for commuters who bought weekly tickets.

You can argue that free travel after 8 trips (of any fare) was too generous, but there needs to still be some option of discounts for regular commuters, or an option to buy a discounted weekly or monthly 'ticket' on our Opal Cards online. Otherwise you're leaving us commuters, who are the backbone of the system with our regular travel, at the mercy of the extremely high trip prices on Sydney's network - one of the most expensive in the world: <http://www.smh.com.au/business/the-economy/public-transport-in-australian-cities-among-the-worlds-most-affordable-20150928-gjwkah.html>

Alternatively, if the discount is completely taken away, please explain what significant, noticeable improvements will be made (across the network so they benefit everyone) with the money from the higher prices we'll now be paying.

Best regards