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Submission: The proposal started with a positive point promising a fairer fare structure crossing different modes. However it is very disappointing when it attacks the 'free travel rewards' for frequent commuters as well as attacks elderly and pensioners with a huge increase on concession caps. Public transport fares are already expensive enough in Sydney if you compare globally with other countries. For example, in Paris, if you buy a 10 ticket booklet, it rounds up to Euro \$1.3 each trip if you travel with Metro in Paris. As long as you do not exit station, Euro 1.3 enables you go anywhere in Paris. In London, you travel anywhere by the red bus costing you just 1.9 pound. In New York, you pay USD \$2.25 each trip in the city, and USD \$5 from the City to the Airport. In Shanghai, each subway trip costs you RMB \$4 only. In GuangZhou, from the Airport to the City centre (about 30km away), it costs you only RMB \$7 (about AUD\$1.6). In Vancouver Canada, university students only pay CD\$30 per month for unlimited travels on all public transport including their skyline, train, buses; and their pensioners pay CD\$45 per annum for a gold pass to unlimited travel on any public transport. It is a shame that our Government only tries to squeeze more blood and sweat out of us. We only just started enjoying Opal system, now we are smacked on the face again with the proposal of 'reform'.

Bad government!!