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Submission: There are a number of reports in the media about changes to the Seniors Opal Card. As a regular user it is of great concern to me, and from discussions with a number of other seniors, to them as well.

While on a part pension at the moment, as a self-funded retiree, projected changes by the Federal government may cause us to lose that pension. In that case will we not only lose that income but also the low cost travel.

Like many retirees, I volunteer in a number of institutions, three in fact. That is work without payment. Curtailing such work would deprive them and society of such free support, just for a money grab. Any hike in the fare will be counterproductive. However, as there has not been an increase in the senior fare rate for some 10 years, a modest increase of the daily cap to \$3.00 would, in my opinion, be generally supported.

If the government insists on recovering more money, then link the increase of the Gold Opal Card fare by the same amount as the increase in the government pension.

Reducing the mobility of retired people will have detrimental effect on them and society.

Yours sincerely,