

23th January 2016

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Review of More efficient, more integrated Opal fares
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"Never pay more than \$2.50 a day to travel..."

Please re:

Review of More efficient, more integrated Opal fares.
Draft Report December 2015.

"Never pay more than \$2.50 a day to travel..."
quotation from The Hon. Gladys BEREJIKLIAN,
currently N.S.W. Treasurer
in a widely circulated letter
less than 1 year ago to N.S.W. Senior Card holders.

Dr P. J. Boxall AO,
re: **1.4 Gold Opal card arrangements** report Page 6
.." Concession pricing is a matter for the Government and so falls outside the scope of IPART's fare reviews." ..." we were asked to consider "whether current concession arrangements support the optimal use of the network".
"We consider that Gold Opal arrangements should be better targeted" ...
... N.S.W. "seniors should be eligible for a Concession Opal Card" (not a Gold Opal Card).
1. It appears that N.S.W. **Senior Card** Holders will have the current **\$2.50** daily fare cap **substantially increased!!!** to the "**Concession Opal Card ...**" (ie to **\$10.00** in 2018 a huge 400 % increase over 2 years)
(40%=\$4.00 thus 100%=\$10.00)
Further The Draft Report states "We also consider that the **Gold** Opal daily cap levels should be set at (ie **substantially increased!!!** to) 40% of the concession cap, increasing it to \$3.60 in 2016-17, and then to \$3.80 in 2017-18 and \$4.00 in 2018-19, in line with increases in other caps."
2. It appears that **Gold** Opal Holders will have the current \$2.50 daily fare cap **substantially increased!!!** to \$4.00 and beyond.

Do Politicians keep promises?

I personally have been given a verbal assurance, from a N.S.W. Government Minister that the **\$2.50 tickets will continue to be available!!!**

Importantly I am also in receipt of a letter from and signed by the current N.S.W. Government Treasurer,

The Hon. Gladys BEREJIKLIAN, BA, DIntS, MCom MP stating:

As a N.S.W. senior I will:

"Never pay more than **\$2.50 a day to travel..."**

It is important that we all, in this society keep our promises.

Society operates well on Trust, Duty and Honesty.

Please support the N.S.W. Government in adhering to commitments and promises from Ministers.

"Never pay more than **\$2.50 a day to travel..."**

Yours faithfully,

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