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Submission: Hello, I am 65 years old and work part-time. In my capacity as a librarian in a public library I meet many seniors, some self-funded, some pensioners, who love the freedom that their \$2.50 Gold Opal card gives them. Not for nothing is the seniors travel card in England called a Freedom Pass.

Given the emphasis on older people keeping fit and healthy, it is highly retrograde to remove a great incentive to get out of the house, visit friends, go on the ferry, or catch the train to the Blue Mountains. (I should also add here that cafes enjoy the benefits of these seniors patronising their businesses.)

I understand the enormous strains on NSW State finances, but I cannot believe that sacrificing the health and goodwill benefits that flow from the Gold Opal costing \$2.50 will significantly reduce those strains.

Please consider the many NSW voters who would feel disappointed and angry if you changed the present eligibility for the daily \$2.50 Gold Opal. They have paid their taxes for 40 plus years, and they are now entitled to a bit of generosity and appreciation.

Yours sincerely,

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