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I am a self funded retiree. The proposed daily fee of \$9 is unfair. I have worked hard, paid my taxes and saved in order to live without the age pension as long as possible, thus saving the government money. Now I am being penalised for doing the right thing.

This outrageous increase indicates that the decision makers imagine that all self funded retirees are rich. I am not, neither are tens of thousands other retirees. There will be serious consequences of this new fee:

- 1) There will be more old people in the traffic causing more traffic jams and accidents.
- 2) Many organisations will lose volunteers because it is too expensive to travel
- 3) Many cafes and restaurants will lose business because us "oldies" cannot afford as many cups of coffee and cakes/lunches as before.
- 4) The mental cost of isolation will be higher as people will be sitting more and more at home, not going anywhere and enjoying social life.

In England seniors have free travel! However, I can accept a daily fee of \$5.00, but \$9.00 is unjustified and unfair.