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Submission: I am happy to see that the new fare system proposed takes into account how unfair it is for commuters who have to change modes of transport on an everyday basis, whilst they get charged for both fares and not counted as a separate trip.

HOWEVER, that does not justify why the rest of us have to be penalised to compensate for that change. We were given the free trips after 8 paid trips for a reason. This is so that, while they effectively 'increased' all fares on transitioning to opal, they give us something back so we are in a not-as-bad position as to the discounts our quarterly/yearly paper tickets provide. This was an incentive for us to take up opal.

Why is it that now we have to pay for 10 trips instead of 8? I understand the bit how they have to charge the highest fares of the week, but why 10 instead of 8? And the general increase in the fares? This simply cannot be justified and to me it is just a way to compensate for the loss of income from providing 'fairer' fares for those who change modes of transport, and not just to recoup the so called lost \$150m.

My fare (for a regular full time worker) would increase from \$38 to potentially \$57 per week, representing a 48% increase? Are they crazy and is this what the government can do to us when the public transport is a monopoly they can charge whatever price they want, despite the utterly poor service they provide?