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Dear Sir/Madam

As a Centrelink Pensioner we should not be disadvantaged by losing our \$2.50 Opal Card Benefit for a day's travel by being lumped together with Self Funded Retirees on Prescribed Benefits.

It would be fairer to keep Pensioner Fares as they are and have Concession Fares for Seniors/Self Funded Retirees.

During my working life many were on low wages and not in the situation of accumulating wealth. Many of us only had Superannuation since the Guarantee Act which came in at 3% in 1992, which for me left only 18 years of Superannuation at a low rate before retirement.

Wage increments in my early working life was a fixed dollar amount for everyone, based on the Cost of Living and Margins of Skill. Everyone received the same Dollar Value regardless of wage. Then came a change where wage increases became based on a percentage where the rich received more and those on a lower income received less. So the gap between the rich and poor has widened despite working just as hard till retirement age. Those who are mostly or fully self funded retirees should not be receiving Middle Class Welfare as they can adequately support themselves.

Please don't disadvantage Centrelink Aged Pensioners on the Full Pension or those close to it. Pensioner Opal Cards should only go to those who receive the Aged Pension or whose Pension Income is between the Minimum Wage and the Lowest Most Common Wage, we need cheap transport for the elderly to get out and be active and not blow the Governments Budget.

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