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Submission: I am currently a holder of a Gold Opal card as I am over 60 years and a resident of NSW.

I believe the proposal to change the status of my Opal card from Gold to Concessional (with the consequence of the higher fares) is unreasonable and does not accurately reflect the social impact on the economy or the individuals.

The example in the report compares a non pensioner with a someone seeking employment and is hardly appropriate. People over 60 years of age and not on the pension have by definition achieve some degree of financial support from their efforts over the years - one of the by products of this is generating more income and services for the state rather than seeking funding from the public purse through their during the lifetime.

The Gold card ensures the older people can get out into the community once their ability to drive their vehicle slips away.

The Gold card is the only financial benefit these people get and I believe everyone is entitled to it, regardless of financial status.

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