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Submission: I am greatly upset by the report outlining possible changes to the Gold Opal card.

I retired last year for health reasons and am entirely self-funded with a very modest income.

I am 62 so not pension age yet, but intend to be mainly self-funded for the next 20 years or so.

After having children early, I then worked for the State Government for 29 years. I was a teacher for 8yrs, and then an educator in maximum securities gaols (Goulburn and Long Bay) for 23yrs. In the prison system I have witnessed riots, stabbings, been intimidated and threatened.

My doctor has diagnosed me with post traumatic stress and chronic fatigue.

I have also had double knee replacements a few years ago but find walking long distances painful. My doctor has put me on a chronic pain plan.

I live on my own in Sydney and use public transport almost daily to get me out and about to meet up with friends, attend voluntary committee meetings, attend hobby and exercise groups and other activities, as well as get to appointments . My three daughters live either regionally or interstate.

I have given much service to this state and would be extremely disappointed to think that the recommendations in this report would be implemented for the Gold Card.

For Christ sake, have a heart!

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