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I was extremely disappointed in relation to the media releases about the proposed changes to public transport fares in NSW. Many people who I have spoken to feel that the government offered a number of carrots to entice people onto the Opal Card system will be being significantly increased. I use ferries to get to the city and the old travel 10 was significantly cheaper than Opal for the occasional traveller. One of the benefits was using the ferries on Sundays at a capped rate of \$2.50. This has been a great success and has encouraged many Sydney siders to go out on Sundays. The benefits include; full ferries, people spending money at shops, cafes and restaurants which is a good boost for business and jobs. The increase to \$7.20 is far to large and will dissuade many to go out on Sunday.

Also, my wife has a seniors card and it appears that the daily rate will go from \$2.50 to \$9.00. This is a huge increase an should be increase to reflect the CPI, say \$3.50 (Max).

Some far sighted cities in the world offer free public transport to get people off the roads and to improve amenity. I am not asking for this but believe that people should be encouraged to use public transport.

Faithfully

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