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Submission: I started a petition of change.org to stop the rising of the Seniors Opal card fare to a cap of \$9 per day. I received 489 signatures against this unfair price hike.

I also spoke to many people when I was travelling on public transport.

Please consider that many seniors are self funded but are not making very much money (low interest rates and falling stock markets). At least means test it so that people who have the Seniors health care card are still entitled to the pensioner Opal card rate.

I am a bike rider who goes on about 4 bike rides per week with a bicycle user group. The start of the ride is often quite a long way from where I live so I need to use public transport to get to the start of the ride and to get home again. If I have to pay \$9 per day, that is \$36 per week and I just can't afford this outlay. I have Diabetes type 2 and exercise is a very important part of keeping the diabetes under control.

This seniors discounted card was introduced so that old people would not just stay in their homes all day, that they would get out of the house and engage in activities that would keep them physically and mentally well.

Please keep the Seniors opal card at the same cost as the Pensioner opal card.