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Submission: Opal favours people who need to commute further distances. I pay more in rent and food to live closer to work and the city and travel less than 10kms for almost all of my journeys yet on a weekly basis under new and current systems I will pay \$15/wk less than people who travel over 3 times my distance. Additionally they take all the seats in peak hour traffic as they have come from the ends of the earth.

Yearly, quarterly and monthly caps are badly needed in this system as well as discounts for automatic top ups. This is evident in almost all other global cities and since their removal my costs have increased from \$1600 to \$2770 annually.

Currently I am forced to consider getting a car, even if I factor in tolls and parking fees it's financially a viable option.