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Submission: My husband and I are self-funded retirees and possess a Seniors Gold Opal Card and object strongly to the degree of the huge increase in a daily trip by rail from \$2.50 to the proposed \$9. I would not object in any way to it being doubled so that \$5 or \$6 is the maximum I pay.

I travel one to two days a week from Wollongong to Sydney and perform voluntary work in Sydney in aged care and other fields so this proposal will adversely affect my ability to continue with this much needed voluntary work as the proposed increase in cost will affect me and thousands of other people. This proposed increase is heartless and ill conceived.

Volunteers provide a much needed service in so many fields as do so many retirees or over 60 members of the community. Many that I know are also providing much needed child care to family members living in Sydney and surrounds and these people like myself would also be restricted in providing these services if the fares were to rise as dramatically as those proposed in the Draft Report.

Please reconsider this hefty price rise. Because we are self funded retirees does not mean we are loaded with money.