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Submission: I currently hold a Gold Opal Card due to the fact that I have a NSW Seniors Card. I am self employed part time, and not in receipt of any government support whatsoever.

When I turned 60 I was pleased to receive this small reward and acknowledgement of my many years contribution to the community. The 'Gold' name connotes something valuable and well regarded and I have enjoyed this recognition.

Under your draft recommendations, I would no longer be entitled to a Gold card, but instead, I would get a concession card the same as pension holders who depend on government financial support, despite the fact that I continue to be self supporting and do not expect this to change.

I am personally insulted and upset at this proposed change... it's obviously designed to drive people like myself back onto the full fare cards.

I will be avoiding public transport in future if these changes come into effect. The Opal and Sydney public transport system will have totally forfeited my goodwill. Don't make offers like this to people like myself who have made a contribution, and then summarily withdraw them.