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Submission: I am currently in receipt of a part age pension and count on the current \$2.50 fare to enable me to travel by bus and train to my numerous and various medical appointments and social activities. It means I can leave the car at home on the days that I travel to places with good public transport. Any increase in the cost will seriously affect my household budget, especially if the mooted increase in GST to 15% occurs.

I believe the increase in fares for those not eligible for the age pension will have an adverse impact on those who do not have a reasonable self-funded retirement income source and this includes many women.