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Submission: I am writing to let you know my response to your Draft Report on Opal Fares, in particular to your proposed changes to the cost of using public transport.

I currently use a Seniors Opal Card and appreciate that the community has provided me with this privilege following my many years working full-time and paying taxes.

Since I am not commuting to work, I use public transport during off-peak times, when there is plenty of reserve capacity.

I am shocked at the suggestion that the daily fee be increased from \$2.50 to \$9. That would markedly change the attractiveness of public transport for me. It would also make me feel quite resentful of the Tribunal and of the State Government for withdrawing what I consider to be a hard-earned benefit.

As a Senior, I am now on a fixed income, which doesn't increase in line with salaries.

If you need to make a change, may I suggest:

1. that you consider retaining the current fee for travel outside peak hours, and
2. that you consider restricting any fee increase to what most people would judge to be fair i.e. the annual CPI.