

Re. Public Transport Sydney and Surrounds – Seniors’ Fares

A significant increase in the daily cap for non-pensioner senior opal cardholders would have several negative outcomes:

- Decreased use of public transport especially at non-peak times
- Greater concentration of public transport use on low-fare days, be it Saturday and Sunday, or Sundays alone
- Financial incentive to travel short and medium distances by car
- Greater road congestion
- Less business for cafes, cinemas, restaurants and other venues that are readily accessed by public transport
- Decreased quality of life for those of us seniors who regularly use public transport to improve our quality of life – meeting up with friends, getting to particular walking tracks and swimming pools, getting home on public transport after a long walk, visiting unfamiliar parts of the city, having experiences that aren’t available nearby, getting easily and inexpensively to medical and dental appointments.