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Submission: I wish to lodge a strong objection to proposed fare increase for seniors card holders on public transport. We are self funded retirees(part Super fund, part income outside super) . My husband & I, both 74 yrs. old, recently downsized, the worst financial decision we have ever made. As well as losing an income stream, the CGT as a result of downsizing plus the deeming of our super (although we had financial advice & fell well within the grandfathering period), we lost our CSHC. We are now classified as low income retirees. All this is to let you know that not all self funded retirees are rolling in cash! I dread losing the travel concession we get with our seniors card. We are frequent users of public transport for appointments, shopping, volunteering, outings etc .Would happily support an increase to \$3.50 daily limit but there is no way we could afford \$6-7, let alone\$9 each per trip. Our use of public transport would certainly be curtailed (detrimental to physical & mental health) & force us back to using the car a lot more than we presently do, the prospect of which we dread. I know maintaining public transport expensive but go after fare evaders &are Gold Card holder weekend concessions necessary (though am yet to find out what they are). Don't discourage any of your seniors from using public transport