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Submission: I am a retired senior citizen living on the South Coast of NSW. It is reprehensible to raise prices well above the CPI and so far above the rate of inflation. A jump of 50% on fares on the Gold Opal card by 2018-2019 is going to deter me from travelling.

It is bad enough that services from Wollongong to Sydney are so poor - off peak trains coming hourly, bus services in my area are also an hour apart. Why do I have to pay so much more for such poor service.

I am live on a very limited income. The proposed increase in fares means I will be penalised for being on a low income. I don't for one moment believe that the increase in fares will make public transport more available/efficient in my area. I don't believe IPART chairman Mr Boxall has any idea what living on a limited income means and that an increase on the \$2.50 I presently pay would ensure that I would be one of the 40% of commuters that will have to pay significantly MORE for transport. This is not fair and once again disadvantages elderly commuters in the community.