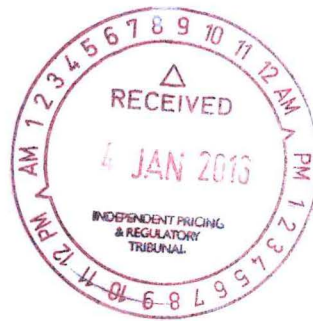


To: IPART
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1 January 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Opal Fares Draft Report (21/12/15)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this draft report.

The proposed changes will *discourage public transport usage* and be *highly detrimental to the environment* creating *excessive vehicle traffic congestion* and *increased carbon pollution* on weekends.

Originally, the Opal Card was promoted with the incentive of free trips after 8 paid journeys.

The proposed changes *harshly penalise* and *discriminate* against passengers dependant on public transport during weekends.

I request that IPART kindly consider that Opal Card passengers be charged for the 8 longest journeys between **Monday – Friday only**, instead of the proposed 10 longest journeys between Monday – Sunday.

Passengers should not be charged for any journeys on weekends as long as they have paid for 8 journeys (**Monday – Friday only**).

It is completely unfair that IPART proposes 10 paid journeys after the NSW government has promised free trips after 8 paid journeys.

I strongly oppose IPART's disappointing Draft Report and call for immediate changes.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Yours faithfully,

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