

To: IPART  
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2/1/16

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to Opal Fares.

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

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

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

The proposed changes will damage the environment through increased vehicle traffic congestion and result in decreased public transport usage.

May I humbly offer a better solution:

- Opal Card passengers be charged for the 8 longest journeys on weekdays only (Mon – Fri), instead of the 10 longest journeys for the whole week
- Passengers should not be charged for any journeys on weekends as long as they have paid for 8 journeys (Mon – Fri only)

I strongly oppose IPART's Draft Report in its current form and call for immediate changes.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted Signature]

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Sydney