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Submission: I am most concerned about the change in the pricing for seniors who do not qualify for a war widow or pension card. The increase is almost 300% from the current pricing for the daily cap. Older people need to be encouraged to get out of their lodgings and engage with their community and the only practical way of doing so for a large part of the older population is by public transport as they are unable to drive. I am a medical practitioner who has worked with the older population and also have an elderly mother who volunteers across numerous places including refugee education, hospitals and schools almost every day. She is a self funded retiree who is by no means wealthy and an increase of the daily cap to almost \$10 will be a disincentive for her and many like her to participate in these volunteer organisations, her willingness to leave her apartment and also to involve herself in the local economy. The concession weekly cap is something she could not realistically afford. I believe these large ~300% increases for the older population not entitled to the Gold card would have very significant public health consequences which have not been considered by this review. To lump older age people with other concession holders does not fully take into account the social situation in these categories.

A 100% increase would seem reasonable to recoup some more of the costs and would not act as such a disincentive.