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Submission: I am a self funded Pensioner/Retiree, and very concerned about the potential increase to the gold opal card. I note that the Senior Card has not been reviewed re an increase since 2005, and I should like to point out, as a British Ex-Pat my British State Pension ,to which I contributed for 40 years has not increased since 2004. This is a strange anomaly affecting British Pension Recipients living in Australia. This affects all Ex-pat Brits living and contributing to the Australian Economy. Indeed it is quite worrying to see that the proposal is for a massive increase on a Gold Opal concession Travel Card. This will have a serious affect personally on my already restricted finances and my ability to help with my Grandson, which entails travel. Many of the activities open to Seniors ,which are of benefit to their mental and physical well-being will be seriously curtailed, as in my own case.

This could have a roll on affect and drain on the Medicare and Medical services. It is about time the Retirees , who have worked for many years ,contributing much to the Economy , but now sadly exist on limited funds are once again first to be penalised,