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Submission: I am 68 years old and still working, part time, as is my husband, mostly because we can't afford to retire and definitely because we really prefer not to lean heavily on the public purse.

We are not wealthy people, just working people. We do appreciate that we are able to travel on public transport for \$2,50 and the government should ensure that this continues. We have always been PAYG payers, who have helped keep the country afloat, for ALL our working life.

It is mean-spirited of government to rob us of this small benefit. The planned increase probably doesn't mean much to politicians, but it is significant, when managing a small budget. Not only will this mean that older people will not go out as much, leading to further isolation, but that businesses will also suffer from the decreased patronage of older citizens.

PLEASE GIVE SENIOR CITIZENS A FAIR GO!