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Submission: To Whom It May Concern,

Much of New South Wales, particularly that of the Sydney CBD, will be subject to major infrastructure change over the next decade and will be home to a further one million people.

Our roads experience a significant amount of congestion already and these proposed changes to the Opal fare structure will encourage more commuters to travel using private forms of transport. This poses an increased risk of further road congestion, a rise in accidents (or worse, the current road death toll) and supports an increase in GST to fund more roads based maintenance. This subsequently will cost commuters much more than just an increased Opal fare.

With more road impacts to be experienced as a result of infrastructure projects it makes sense to support and encourage the continued use of public transportation to keep Sydney, NSW and Australia moving.

With that in mind I ask that you maintain the current benefits of the \$15 a day maximum, free trips after reaching a total of 8 paid trips and abolish the current mode-shift penalty of \$1.

Our roads cannot currently handle increases to demand. We need to support public transport and the unprecedented amount that government are spending on public transport initiatives (e.g. light rail), encourage sustainable methods of transportation, provide a healthy work-life balance to maintain and support our economy and change our novice travel behaviours to finally start combating congestion, global warming and meet carbon emission targets!

It's time for us to leave the car at home. It's time for positive change. Be apart of that change and of something great!

Sincerely,  
A concerned Sydney-sider.