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Submission: Any move to substantially increase the daily cost of an OPAL fare for a Senior person (ie over 60 years old but not in receipt of a government pension) should be rejected as unfair. The current provision of this benefit is THE ONLY concession made available to this group by the State Government. If the IPART recommendation is accepted (ie max. \$9 each day) then the Seniors group would be actually no better off than a regular commuter on a weekly basis (\$63 per week vs \$65 per week). An increase of 10-20% in the current daily maximum from \$2:50 to \$2:75 or \$3:00 might be acceptable, or even up to the \$3:50 charged by Victoria, but the proposed 260% increase is completely unacceptable. If it were to cost a Seniors couple \$18 per day to travel on public transport in would probably be less expensive to use a car with the consequent increase in road congestion and pollution. It would also curtail or eliminate the propensity of a Seniors couple to have an outing at all, thus reducing business for restaurants etc.