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Submission: I wish to express my opposition to the proposed changes to access to Opal gold passes, the proposed fare hike from \$2:50 maximum single fare to \$3:60 maximum fare and the associated proposed daily cap hike to \$9.00 for persons 60 yrs or over who are non Commonwealth pensioners.

I am self funded retiree with a meager pension not provided by the public purse.

Under your proposal I, who have worked and paid taxes since I was 16 years of age and continue to support myself am incensed. Had I contrived to arrange my retirement income so as to qualify for a commonwealth payment I would, under your proposal not be so penalized as you intend under your changes. Essentially you will be treating me in the same manner as the wealthiest retirees in the land, this is unconscionable! My travel decisions are extremely price sensitive, my self funded pension being around \$60,000 pa (less tax!) it is a challenge to make ends meet. Under your proposal my trips will necessarily be curtailed. You will impose upon me a level of social isolation and will rob me of a degree of autonomy which I would have thought my right in my declining years and which I believe I have bloody well earned. Shame on you Mr Baird and that bloodless bureaucrat and dismantler of public services Peter Boxall