

I **object** the following draft decisions and Recommendations:

Draft Decisions:

3 Adult Opal fares for single rail journeys in peak periods, single bus and light rail journeys, single Sydney Ferries and single Stockton Ferry journeys are set out in Tables 1.1 to 1.4.

Object Reason:

In most cases, the customers who would pay more in 2016 are those who travel more than eight times per week (due to the proposed changes to the frequency discount and weekly cap arrangements). This will discourage customers to drive cars to work rather than taking public transport, the consequence results are more cars on road causing traffic jam, air pollution, global warming. Also, paying more transport fare for just living away from CBD would be a penalty for people live remotely. It will most likely encourage people attempting to choose wherever is close to CBD to live for saving travel costs on the daily travel, it is against development plan of Great Sydney and not good for Sydney grow in accordance with her population size.

7 Customers should no longer receive free travel after making 8 journeys between Monday and Sunday.

Object Reason:

The free travel award after making 8 journeys was supposed to compensate customers for stopping using paper tickets of My Train, My Bus and My Multis as the original ticked systems would be much cheaper than using a Opal card given there was no free travel award existing. Again, it is kind of one direction decision to leave customers with no choice.

Draft Recommendations:

1 Daily caps for Concession and Child/Youth fares should be set as shown in Table 2.5.

4 Seniors card holders who do not also hold a pensioner or NSW war widowers card should be eligible for a Concession Opal card.

Object Reason:

These proposals would put much more pressure on old people who is at the pension age but not eligible for pensions. Most of these people have living hardship and rely on Centrelink's special benefit to support their living. It would put these people into hardship further if the new concession opal card (\$9 daily cap) replaces current daily cap fare of \$2.5. Again, it will cause government spending more money to support these people just because they can't afford the public transport fares!