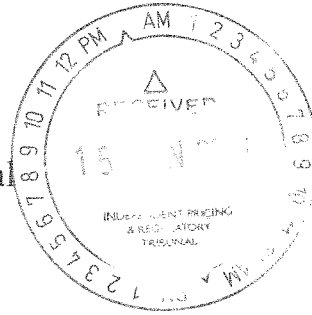


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Reference: Public Transport Fares in Sydney and Surrounds

Dear Commissioner,

With respect of the tribunal considering public transport fares in and around Sydney.

I wish to respectfully request that the gold card seniors' fares remain at the same price as for pensioners with the same daily cap, whatever the tribunal decides is a reasonable daily price.

I am a gold card senior and I do not receive the same concessions for my medicines as do pensioners, they pay around \$5.70 per prescription, I pay for the same medicines, \$19.50 to \$37.50 depending on the prescription.

My income is similar to the aged pension, although I am reliant on my investments and there vagaries. My investments can and do go up and down, depending on the state of the stock market.

I do not receive increases due to CPI as do pensioners.

I do not receive a discount on council rates or other discounts offered by various State and Federal agencies as do pensioners.

I did receive a discount on my driver's licence, for which I was very grateful.

I do work part time but this depends on the workloads of the companies that I work for and is very limited.

It is these reasons mentioned above that I request that the Tribunal maintain the Gold Card Seniors card at the same daily rate as for the pensioners daily rate.

I trust that my request may be given consideration in the Tribunal's decision. Should you wish to contact me about my submission please feel free to call me on my mobile phone, listed above.

Yours faithfully

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Bruce Cooke