

With regards to IPART's review into the Gold card, I would like to attach a letter I received from the then Premier in 2014, - when I received my Senior's card.

I do understand that from solely a user's pay perspective, the current Opal Gold card might seem to be an overly generous gift to the state's seniors, however, if one was to believe the intent of the government's message the proposed changes seem to completely forget the contribution they have made over the years to the state.

The line referring to the 'state' wishing to encourage retirees to enjoy an active and healthy lifestyle seems to be lost in the IPART report.

The minimal cost to the government of providing cheap public transport is more than paid for by the savings that are made to the health costs of a sedentary population which by implication which will eventuate.

There is also the issue of seniors reverting to private transport. Surely there should be every possible effort made to reduce the use of private cars.

