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Submission: The proposed changes to Opal fares, including eliminating the free travel after 8 journeys, would have a detrimental affect on people who work 2 or more jobs. These people work so hard because they cannot afford to live on 1 job, so they take up extra work to make ends meet. Most of these extra shifts fall on weekends, meaning they can travel for free to these jobs at present after paying fares for the first 4 days of work.

If Opal are suddenly charging for these weekend trips, these workers will either have to work longer shifts to cover the additional transport costs, or reduce their household budget, making it negligible to work on weekends. The hardest hit will be low income earners, families who need more than 1 income and shift workers.