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Submission: I believe the increase in fares proposed by IPART to be completely unfair.

In Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne seniors and pensioners are treated equally - transport is free for seniors if they do not travel in peak hours in Perth. In Adelaide it is completely free and Melbourne is cheaper than the IPART proposal.

We are a self-funded retired couple who travel to town frequently for doctor's appointments, shopping, concerts & to meet people & public transport is our mode of travel.

Why then is it already more expensive here in NSW than other states & to increase the fare for pensioners or war widows to \$3.60 is absolutely offensive.

Is the NSW Government going to put the older members of our society in financial hardship because I believe that this will happen?

We are a self-funded retired couple who travel to town frequently for doctor's appointments, shopping, concerts & to meet people & public transport is our mode of travel. Simply, we have chosen not to seek other Government subsidies such as old age pension but if charges are unfairly placed on us we will reassess this position which may result in increased costs for State Government elsewhere.

From a psychological point of view, people need to catch up with friends as they age & talking on a phone does not achieve this purpose.

Please take my thoughts seriously & rethink this proposal by IPART.