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Submission: Hello,

As a self funded retiree I wish to comment on the proposed increase in fares on public transport.

I do volunteer work, generally one day but occasionally two days a week and use the train or sometimes train and bus to get there. Recently however, I helped out for four or five days a week for a month. If I had to pay \$9 a day for transport I most likely would not have done so.

In retirement getting out and about is important to the well being of the individual. By increasing the cap to \$9 this may discourage people from doing so as often as they previously did.

Increasing the cap to \$9 will most probably encourage people to use their car. This will increase traffic congestion and pollution levels. As well, buses and trains, in particular, will be under utilized.

Living near a rail station I personally use public transport as much as possible. I think this should be encouraged not discouraged by increasing the daily cap.

Thank you

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