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Submission: I am a Senior with a Senior's Opal Concession Card.

I'm most distressed to read that there is a proposal to to increase the Senior's Opal Concession Card from \$2.50 per day to \$9 per day.

This is a massive increase, and well beyond what a lot of self-funded retiree can afford.

I accept the need for an increase, but would submit that \$5 per day (100%) increase is more just.

Have you considered the social and health benefits that are applicable here?

As the population ages, more and more seniors are living on their own, many having lost their spouses. It's imperative for both our physical and psychological health that we can socialise outside of our homes.

To do so, often involves travel by public transport to meet both family and friends. Many working mothers depend on grandparents for childcare services.

Put simply, this drastic price increase will ultimately put more people on a part pension, increase the burden on public health services (private health coverage will become unaffordable) -thus transferring and increasing costs on other government services.

We self-funded retirees were raised in a time of "fair go" - and this drastic proposed increase is not fair.

We are also voters, and such an important issue as this for seniors, will not be met with apathy - collectively we are a big voting block and we will use our votes to remove any party that treats us so unfairly.