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Submission: Voluntary work is the backbone of the workforce for the functioning of many organisations both government and private.

I volunteer at Taronga Zoo as an Animal Behaviourist. I travel by train, ferry and bus to reach my destination. In doing so I am not adding to the road congestion which is a nightmare coming from the southern suburbs.

You are now thinking of charging me for assisting the Zoo and the RTA for giving of my time free of charge. I am not paid for my work but will be slugged with an increased fare if this change in the Gold Opal Card goes through.

As a Liberal supporter I am very disappointed in the direction this State is heading.

The constant waste of money only ignites my anger when I see the Government taking it out on people who are trying to make the world a better place. I will not be supporting the Government in future if this goes ahead.