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Submission: I am most concerned about the proposed changes to the Gold Opal card.

In 2005, the price of a Senior ticket increased by 150%, from \$1 to \$2.50. At that time, other fares increased with some relationship to inflation.

It is wrong to now be proposing a further 40% increase in the Senior fare. If this was to come in, it would mean the fare has increased 250% in 10 years!!! According to the RBA, adjusted for inflation since 2005, the fare should be \$1.32, not \$3.50.

I note that seniors without a Pension card are to be further slugged. Self funded retirees are already doing more than their fair share of supporting the economy - this increase is totally indefensible.

Out of peak hours, the buses, trains & ferries are running anyway, mostly half empty. As most seniors travel at these times, carrying them does not cost anything.

If these people were to drive their cars it would be a much greater cost to the government – surely you should be encouraging the use of public transport!!

In addition, when seniors reach the stage where they can no longer drive, they should not be pinned in their homes because of the cost of public transport.