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I am concerned that the senior \$2.50 cap for OPAL cards might be increased for self-funded retired citizens. I and many of my colleagues are NSW Justice of the Peace volunteers who regularly attend duties at public places such as Downing Centre, Supreme Court, Sydney Town Hall, libraries and shopping centres all over the state. We give our time to assist the public with hundreds of thousands of pieces of documentation that ultimately frees our NSW public servants, medical doctors, teachers and many others in the paid work force from these tasks allowing them to continue the work they are employed to perform. Changes in the OPAL card cap will add hundreds of dollars to my travel expenses to attend to my shifts at these desks.

Like all NSW volunteers, our generosity in giving our time and expertise to help our community is saving the State Government considerable amounts of taxpayers money and I fear that for a small return, you are willing to forfeit this. It would be a great mistake to proceed with these proposed changes.

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