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Submission: I am opposed to the change in eligibility for the gold opal card. Although I live in country NSW I rarely use the privilege of my gold opal card, however when I get to Sydney I do use public transport where possible. As a Senior it is much better to keep me off busy city roads as this decreases congestion. For my wife and I to use public transport under the concessional rate the daily costs will be substantially higher.

One of the few things a senior looks forward to in retirement is the benefit of the gold card. I worked hard to be able to retire without placing a large burden on government. Personally I feel the proposed change to the gold card eligibility is a real slap in the face to retirees.

Given the media publicity over MPs travel rorts over the last 12 months it feels like once again the little person is slugged financially whilst excesses in other areas for the minority just continue unabated.

I ask respectfully that IPART and Government reconsider the proposed eligibility for a gold OPAL card