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Submission: I strongly object to any increase to the current fare structure for OPAL GOLD CARDS for Seniors and self-funded retirees.

I recall very clearly M/s Gladys Berejiklian, formerly Minister for Transport, now Treasurer of this State, forcefully and enthusiastically promoting the introduction of the Opal card and its benefits for older citizens. It's probably reasonable to ask now whether it was just an impressive public relations stunt? The old pensioner 'paper ticket' has disappeared and we now have the Opal, like it or not.

The proposed price increases are just staggering. Whilst the increase would not create a particular hardship for me, it would be too distressing to contemplate for those on fixed and/or limited means. It would restrict travel for many older citizens.

I, and many others, were impressed by M/s Berejiklian and took her at her word but now see her as just 'another politician'.

Come on Gladys, be different and don't disappoint those who trusted you.