

## Submission regarding changes to Opal Pricing

To whom it may concern,

After having read and reviewed the proposed opal pricing changes, I estimate that this will leave the majority of the travelling public worse off. I have used my travelling situation as an example to highlight the **excessive** increase that is being proposed. I believe that a fairer system should be integrated for both students and pension aged citizens. I would like you to consider my submission and welcome you to contact me to discuss further.

### Current Route – Epping Road nr Mowbray Rd West (288,292,294) to City – Lang Park, York St

MyBus 3 Travel 10 (Weekly) - \$37.80

(\$3.78 per 10 trips)

Current Opal Fare (Weekly) - \$36.00

(\$3.60 per 10 trips - \$4.50 x 8 paid journeys)

Proposed Opal Fare (Weekly) - \$41.10 [**14.17%** increase on existing Opal Fare pricing].

(\$4.11 per 10 trips)

Utilising eight (8) most expensive journeys (Mon – Fri) with proposed pricing - \$32.88 per week

(\$3.29 per 10 trips)

### Frequent Travellers

- Under the proposed changed pricing structure and utilising a system whereby the customer was charged for their eight (8) most expensive journeys, fare revenue would not exceed that which is currently generated until 2018.
  - o Having the combined eight (8) most expensive journeys with the reduced fare pricing doesn't make sense from a revenue perspective.
- Historically, weekly fares have received a discount on the daily pricing such that a weekly ticket would be paid for after eight (8) return journeys.
  - o This structure should remain with the first eight (8) most expensive journeys (Monday – Friday) being paid for and all other journeys receiving a rebate.
- If the eight (8) most expensive journeys are paid for, then the pricing structure should not be reduced. It is reasonable to expect that prices should be increased.
  - o A reasonable increase in pricing would be 5%, certainly not **14.17%**! Under the eight (8) most expensive paid journeys, it would be reasonable to expect that the single fare would increase from \$4.50 to \$4.73.

### Infrequent Travellers

- To lessen the burden on infrequent travellers there could be a dual pricing system whereby if a customer travels less than eight (8) times in a week they can receive a rebate off the full fare.