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Submission: The proposed changes will do worse for public transport in Sydney. Under the changes, the number of trips has been increased to 10 and will be the 10 longest trips. Previously, with the weekly paper ticket, customers had the incentive to travel by public transport as they essentially had a free day of travel on the Friday - this was even taken into account for public holidays. Then customers were encouraged to move to the opal card with promises of cheaper travel and 8 free trips meaning the Friday was free. This encourages more people to take public transport. However, with the proposed changes there is no incentive - people will have no incentive to catch public transport, and if they don't want to - will just take their cars resulting in more cars on the already congested roads. Changing it to the 10 longest trips will increase fares significantly for many and now many customers are regretting moving to opal from the paper tickets (which are now discontinued). The changes will result in more wear and tear on the roads and reduced numbers on public transport - an extra \$10 + a week or \$40 a month is a significant amount that many will be paying making public transport less affordable - particularly for those who live in outer suburbs. This will be a step backward for the public transport network.