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Submission: Dear NSW trains,

I will be adversely affected by the proposed changes to the opal system. Earlier this year it cost me in five days sixty dollars to travel to Sydney and back from Oak Flats for a University course which I had to find out of money I was getting from government assistance. As it stands I go to Sydney often because that is where my partner lives, such a proposed change will mean that I will not be able to go there for that. It also means that these new increases while mean that I am not able to do the course in Sydney I wanted to do next year. The proposed change to make it that buses and trains are able count as continued trips is a good thing because I have been forced to pay twice as much during times when there have been trackwork which ends at Wollongong often, the connecting trains are often another forty minutes and so I have had to take a bus back to Mount Warrigal. This should count as one trip. Train travel is expensive already, people that live outside of Sydney shouldn't be constantly penalised as such.