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Submission: I would like to register my objection to the proposed changes to the Gold Opal Card as a self funded retiree it is the only benefit we get from the Government after many years of paying taxes. I feel a lot of organisation are going to lose there volunteers if the price is beyond their budget. As a lot of hospitals,schools, libraries, charities and welfare groups rely on volunteers to help in the day to day running of their organisations. Increasing the daily rate from 2.50 to 9.00 a day is almost a 260% increase which is unfair and unreasonable. Society is better off with the retired in activities pursuits instead of being isolated and lonely at home because there budget does not stretch to going out two or three days a week to meet with other people with similar interests and contributing to society.

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