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Submission: Transport RE proposal to lift Senior Card Opal cap to \$9 a day. I appreciate that the designation 'Senior' covers a wide range of people, all in different financial circumstances, and some of whom may be able to afford the \$9 a day cap on the Opal card. But there are many of us with very limited assets and not on the pension for whom the \$2.50 a day cap is an absolute lifeline. It gets us out there, to activities that keep us active and healthy and socially engaged. Many of us do hours of voluntary work. The currently reasonably priced Seniors Opal card enables us to do this. It is also an important factor in building support for public transport networks, and in the case of car owners, limiting car use and keeping cars off the road. We need to go beyond the narrow band of public transport costs, and look more broadly at benefits to social cohesion, public health and the fund of social capital that an enabling transport fee makes possible.

An extra \$45 a week would reduce options for many of us. What we can now do on public transport for for 7 days a week, would be reduced to two.