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Submission: I wish to STRONGLY OBJECT to removing Seniors (who don't hold a pension card) from the existing Opal card concession price. Our society depends on VOLUNTEERS and as I do volunteer work I DO NOT want to spend a lot of my income travelling to and from my volunteer work.

The State Government is trying to encourage "older people" to give up driving. If the cost of Public Transport goes up dramatically, this certainly won't encourage "older people" to stop using their cars and start using public transport.

Subsidised Public Transport encourages older people to go out. They walk to/from the bus stop/train station/ferry wharf. This helps to keep them healthy and encourages them to socialise with others, so such people need to be encouraged, not discouraged. This is an easy way to keep health costs down.

However, from time to time Seniors need to attend dental or medical appointments or assist other family members. They should NOT be burdened with higher transport costs.

I do not mind paying \$3 for an all-day Opal card, but definitely CANNOT AFFORD to pay much more.

Apart from anything else, it is politically unwise. The GREY VOTE needs to be kept onside. It can easily switch when such an important part of their lives is threatened!