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Submission: Please do not increase the price of public transport for older Australians, including those who do not receive the centrelink pension . Many do not receive the pension because they are aset rich but income poor. These people often fear high medical bills as they age and so are very cost conscious and reluctant to use any savings which they want to keep for a "rainy day". Increasing the cost of public transport to non-pensioners will encourage them to stay at home, which is bad for their mental and physical health (which may cost the government more money in the long run), or they will continue to drive even though they feel that their eyesight/ hearing/ response time etc has deteriorated - this would increase the likelihood of traffic accidents (which would also cost the government money in health costs and lost time from productive work).

The government should be reducing the cost of public transport for all people so that less people drive and the government does not have to spend billions on major road projects.