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Dear Sirs,

I find the proposal to increase privately funded Retired Seniors Opal Gold card to \$9/day both unreasonable & counterproductive.

I have worked for many years (a good number of them without the benefit of any pension scheme) I am now retired & over 65 & economised in many areas to make some superannuation balance close to a point where although I am ineligible for a government pension, I am neither destitute or a millionaire.

The Gold Opal card enabling me to travel to & within a now segmented Sydney CBD from Balmain is the ONLY assistance that I receive from Government agencies.

I now mainly utilise this card for bus travel, city bound & in non peak hours.

I believe that the NSW government expresses the policy view that they would like us to use public transport more & the more convenient car less.

If this is not just blowing smoke then I would suggest that an increase of about 360% would run counter to this policy.

I trust my view would be duplicated in the minds of many senior citizens of NSW & carefully considered by policy makers.

Yours Faithfully, Garvin Cox