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Submission: The increase to \$9 per day for Seniors without a pension card will impact on the overall wellbeing of retirees who want to lead active and healthy lives. Many retirees travel several times a day on public transport to various group activities. This keeps cars off the road and in particular encourages retirees to pursue physical and social activities which helps keep them out of hospital, off antidepressants and out of health care professionals' offices.

\$9 per day will be prohibitive for some self funded retirees who's come approaches the pension when taking into account the fact that they are not eligible for any concessions.

many retirees also do multiple voluntary activities to which they travel on public transport. It would be a shame if they could no longer perform these vital activities due to prohibitive transport costs.

Why not delay giving senior's cards to people until they retire, or maybe partial concessions until 70, then the same transport concessions as pensioners once they achieve 70 years? This would be fairer and more equitable.