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Submission: I wish to raise additional concerns in relation to the proposal to increase the \$2:50 cap fare to \$9.00 a day.

Seniors who live in suburbs further from the city or in the country will be further disadvantaged by the proposed increase if they pay concessional fares because their fares would always be the the \$9 because of the distances that they travel. This is discriminatory and should not be implemented.

With the proposed 50% increase to GST the cost of tickets to pensioners and seniors will be rising even higher and not everyone will be given compensatory packages so it is important that the new fare be a moderate increase not the 260% proposed.

Educational institutions such as WEA depend heavily on retired self funded retirees for enrolments so the increase in fares will have an impact on their course provision and financial viability. Many long term courses are for 36 weeks and the increase would add substantially to the costs of the course. Seniors would cut back on the number of courses that they did during the week. The intellectual stimulation for the attendees, keeps brains active and healthy so for increased community well being the fares should not be increased so dramatically.

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