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Submission: I am depressed by the thought bubble by IPART and the Government to deny older citizens who do not have all the 'benefit' cards' to not be able to enjoy at least some affordable transport. The Government just seems to be focussed on money pinching and nothing else. I am the border line and will not get a pension. Does the Government NOT understand that the opportunity for older citizens to be able to travel with some freedom assists with good mental health. If we stay home all day that will lead to depression.

I am also a unique case. I give white cells to the Blood Bank EVERY 2 WEEKS. for the Red Cross RH program to prevent Rh Haemolytic Disease; death of babies in the womb and some times mothers. There are less than 200 of us across Australia on this program; the program is so important that each State has a designated co-ordinator to try to make the quantity of serum required. I already risk my life doing this because every six months I am injected with cells from a third party called a "booster"; if the Red Cross make a mistake I could contract a terminal disease. I am happy to spend the \$2.50 or even \$3 but I am not prepared to both risk my life and then spent money having to attend because the Government is so without caring. Does the Government not recognise the amount of money that is contributed by seniors who do volunteer work. Is the State really so poor that it cannot support seniors in their retirement? Henry Detjen [REDACTED]