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Submission: The Opal system was put in place to simplify the fare structure for public transport.

The changes recently proposed in the media only complicate a system that is working.

If people are going out of their own way to utilise public transport by taking advantage of a structure that was put in place by the government then so be it.

We read about the money lost in fares.

What about the money gained in reductions of staff due to digital ticketing, the investment of funds sitting in limbo in opal system and even the fares that persons are paying when they are doing the so called rorting.

Why penalise workers who do travel every day to do a hard days work.

There is no practical reason to stop the 8 trip incentive.

Negatives will be more cars on the roads causing more congestion and more pollution and a significant decline in usage and revenue.

On short trips people will just walk and revenue will be lost in that regard also.

For the small negative of persons taking the most cost effective option and reducing their costs it is not worth the change.

Instead why not increase pension tickets to \$5 for an excursion off peak and to \$10 in peak.

Pensioners slowdown the system and make unnecessary trips due to their low costs.