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Submission: Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in response to the proposed rise in public transport fares. A large rise in transport fares from \$2.50 to \$9.00 means that many people will not be able to use public transport. This means that people who use gold opal card concessions and card holders will either have to stay home more or drive more.

If people stay home rather than going out pursuing cultural or volunteering activities or socialising they become lonely and depressed .

If on the other hand people use their cars more because of the public transport price rise, we will have more pollution, greenhouse gases and congestion on our roads.

Public transport is just that...PUBLIC transport. It is actually owned by the people. It is not meant to make a profit but to benefit all.

Yours faithfully,
Jean Hartman