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Submission: I would like to express my concern about IPART's recommendations that Gold Opal cards should only be available to holders of pension or concession cards. I believe this would put regular travel for many retirees out of reach and in fact would lead to more people choosing other modes of transport ie, motor vehicles, leading to even more traffic on Sydney's already congested roads.

I also think it is grossly discriminatory to exclude a very responsible section of our older community from enjoying affordable travel simply because they have worked and saved for their later years. They are not a cost or burden to government or society as a result of this and should be rewarded for many years of hard work and sensible lifestyle choices, not penalised and made to feel it was for nothing.

Regards

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