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Submission: I am very unhappy that the price of my commute has increased significantly since travel ten tickets were withdrawn. I travel from the Northern beaches to the city 3 days a week and the price of a single bus journey has risen from \$3.70 to \$4.50 now that travel ten tickets have been withdrawn and I must use the opal card system.

I work part time and flexibly as a mother of 2 young children. The price of my commute has risen significantly and full time workers maintain the benefit of cheaper fares while part time workers do not.

I feel that I am being unfairly penalised by these changes and it amounts to indirect discrimination on the basis of sex. The majority of part time workers are female and earn less than full time workers so are in the worst possible position to bear this increased financial burden.

I also do not feel that this change encourages the use of public transport and environmentally friendly commuting methods. My husband who works full time and I sometimes run or cycle to work instead of catching the bus or we work from home to avoid the commute altogether. Again we are penalised for this.

The fare structure is a throwback to more traditional methods of commuting which are now outdated and do not reflect the way people now choose to work or the requirements of the growing part time/flexible workforce who are also the lowest paid workers. I am very concerned that the changes also constitute indirect sex discrimination which is prohibited by constitutional law.

I have written to Transport for NSW several times on this issue but received no response.

Please consider this submission as a matter of urgency.