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Submission: I have read the draft Transport report and agree with most if not all of the recommendations put forward by IPART especially with the fairer and more equitable pricing with regards to distance and multimode travel. The current system of free travel after 8 trips encourages people to take advantage of the system in a most ridiculous manner, in that people go out of their way to travel short distances especially during their lunch break to take advantage of this. This also means that the taxpayer and those who do not make 8 trips a week are the ones paying for the bulk of their travel and the government ends up losing a lot in revenue. In my opinion the proposed weekly travel scheme is much fairer.

The proposal for fare integration for multimode travel across different modes of travel is also something that I support and should have been done much earlier. The current system penalises people who do not have access to certain modes of transport such as those who do not have trains running through their corridors. It is through no fault of theirs that they have to take multiple modes of transport to arrive at their destination. The proposed system is also consistent with major transport systems around the world such as Hong Kong and London.

As for the review of the Gold Opal card, if an Opal Concession Card is proposed for Senior Card holders who are not Pensioner Concession Card holders, can I ask what happens to those seniors who have already obtained the Gold Opal card who are not Pensioner Concession Card holders? How can this be fair to those seniors who will be turning 60 and working part-time or those who are not working at all who have yet to apply for the Opal card.