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Submission: I am a self-funded retiree who has supported myself since the age of 16. I want to register my total disgust at the cynical State Government's plan to increase rail/bus/ferry fares for self-funded retirees from \$2.50 max per day to \$9.00 max per day, an increase of nearly 300% - and also the planned increase for Aged Pensioners' travel costs.

We were all 'sold' (at great advertising expense by the Government) the Opal plan for all Seniors on the assurance it would cost no more than \$2.50 per day. Yet some 28 days after the Opal card was made compulsory we are told of the proposed \$7.040 daily increase - a blatant lie about the advantages of the Opal card.

All my visits to hospitals, specialists, place of worship, dentist, Public Library, move houses, family in Eastern Suburbs, weekly supermarket shopping etc entail two changes of transport to arrive, two to return home. The people who make the arbitrary decisions do not have the faintest idea what it means to live on a pension of any kind, plus pay (as I do) private health insurance, regular medical items for which there is no tax rebate - and to be dependent totally on public transport for all of the above.

I strongly recommend the Baird Government to remember that the growing army of Seniors not only voted political parties in - we vote them Out.