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Submission: I am unhappy with the proposed changes to the gold opal card. After working all my life and being a public transport user for most of that time, the gold opal card gives a reward for the decades of public transport use (retiring politicians get substantial rewards). The current \$2.50 gold card attracts the use of public transport and discourages car travel. If the peak day was changed to \$9 per day, a couple would be enticed back into their cars!!!

My partner is a pensioner and I do not have an income until I access my super in 6 years time when it will be approximately \$30,000 per year. Paying a \$9 max per day is not an option for me. Surely pensioner partners should be able to access the gold card too, if the decision is to penalise seniors benefits for their long long contribution to society.

We should be encouraging more public transport use not less...the opal card has helped this with the transfer system and weekend benefits. Yes the 8 trip system needs to be amended, but the weekend benefits need to be continued, especially the Sunday cap (like in others cities such as Melbourne).

Public transport is a right and should be the first option for transport in a modern city, like it is in many overseas countries. Japan manages a free transport system for their seniors. Australia should be on the cutting edge of public transport and usage not woefully behind.