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Submission: I BELONG to a volunteer organisation University of the 3rd Age. We travel all over Sydney using our travel ticket. Our members can join any of our courses in the wider Sydney region. Without this card they could not afford to do so. Continuing education of this type, which includes social interaction is demonstrated to keep the elderly functioning well and out of 'old age' for a much longer period. This saves the government money in all sorts of ways.

Sydney is already a very expensive city to live in. After classes we meet for a tea or coffee. In some places tea is now \$5 and to some our members do a class every day. To pay more for travel would eliminate this for many of them. Our class teachers give their services for free, and pay their own travel costs for this volunteer work. If the costs became higher some would not travel out of their own suburb and this would severely affect our organisation.

Please do not save money at the cost of the elderly.