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Submission: I am a self-funded retiree and a Senior Card Holder currently possessing a Gold Opal Card which entitled me to enjoy the same travel benefits as those Centrelink Aged Pensioners. The draft proposal suggests that Gold Opal Card be continued to be available to Centrelink Aged Pensioners but not available to Senior Card Holders. Senior Card Holders are valuable members of the society who had contributed much to the society. They had worked hard throughout their lives, pay taxes and diligently saved for retirement. When they retired, they become self-funded retirees and hence excluded from Centrelink Aged Pension. To remove the Gold Opal Card from Senior Card Holders is to punish these valuable members of the society who had done the right things in lives, working hard, pay taxes and save diligently. It will send out a confirmation to the younger society that working hard does not pay. It tells the younger society that it is better to rely on Centrelink. I strongly object to the removal of Gold Opal Card from Senior Card holders. Senior Card Holders should enjoy the same benefit as Centrelink Aged Pensioners in this essential transport.