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Submission: I am a Castle Hill resident and since mid 2008, when I had to retire because of a stroke, the \$2.50 fare has enabled me to -

1. Be active and travel around Sydney, taking part in public events, contributing to my physical and mental health.
2. Help babysit my granddaughter in Artarmon
3. Volunteer at Guildford Public School.

Denying seniors the Gold Opal will not achieve your perceived savings or maximise use of public transport.

People who are well-off are not generally keen to travel on buses and trains- aside from parking it's easier to hop into your car instead of trotting to the bus stop/train station. My wealthy friends avoid public transport religiously.

Most times when I travel on the bus during off-peak hours the bus is half-full. Apart from some uni students the rest are seniors.

If you discourage us with higher fares we won't be there to cover your overheads!

In support of full-time workers, they should be charged for the most expensive 8 trips in the week instead of 10. This might encourage weekend travel on public transport with their families and take cars off the roads.