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Submission: Removing the Opal card from seniors is a retrograde step which is calculated to undermine use of public transport and is deleterious to the health and welfare of the aged. The Seniors Card provides a strong incentive for the retired to take public transport, particularly for long journeys and to visit busy areas where parking is difficult, such as shopping centres and the city. Using public transport increases the physical fitness of the elderly, thereby reducing the health burden on the community. Subsidised travel enables them to better maintain social relations and community involvement, again with benefits to the overall community. Removing the current concession would significantly increase the cost of all social activities for the elderly. More people using the public transport system in off-peak times, as the elderly do, maintains the efficiency of the system overall. I have made more use of public transport since receiving a Seniors Card and a dramatic increase in cost would definitely affect my travel patterns.