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Submission: Dear Tribunal,

I would submit that there needs to be an extension of Opal card in the gap between Lithgow and Bathurst.

Currently I can use Opal to get to Bathurst but not for stations between Lithgow and Bathurst.

In fact the fares for stations before Bathurst, such as Tarana and Rydal are up to 3 times more expensive than the fare to Bathurst.

There is a non Trainlink service from Bathurst to Central which does not stop at the intermediate stations to Lithgow.

This seems to be an artificial barrier to protect Trainlink patronage at the travelling publics expense.

.These stations could be included in the stopping pattern for the non Trainlink service to and from Central.