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Increasing the transport daily fares for the elderly is a bad move on behalf of the Government. I'm aware the Government is looking every whichaway to save money, but don't go for the soft touch and hit the elderly.

There must be many avenues to go down to cut the budget and save money, if you do increase the daily fares for the elderly it would have a compelling effect on many levels.

Your popularity in the next elections would plummet, remember the grey power of the of the electorate, they have very good memories and are very unforgiving.

Secondly, cutting into their meagre pension would and will force the pensioner to retreat into staying home and this could be a health hazard due to not socialising and defiantly would have to miss some health appointments all the make up your shortfall of the budget

Lastly but not least, the pensioner would have to decide weather to cut down on their food/house hold expenses or to spend the increased costs on public transport, not a nice decision for anybody in that predicament.

It is ONLY a small amount of money we are discussing, BUT for the Australian pensioner it is all of the above, I should know as I too am an elderly Australian citizen, a pensioner.

Please reconsider your pending decision on the increase of pensioner public transport.

We the pensioner do appreciate what value we receive from the Government with our benefits, the last increase we had with the public transport was hen the daily fares were increased by one dollar, it was a pleasure to pay this, as we in the inner suburbs would be helping the pensioners who have to travel by private transport and spend a high price to do so and now they are able to travel as we do for the same cost.

Yours sincerely.

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