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Submission: Seniors fare takes us off the road. Took me off the road for most trips. Same with friends going from/to Goulbourn, Central Coast, Newcastle. Reducing Greenhouse gases; congestion; wear and tear on roads. All money savers to the government. Plus money savers to those that need it.

I'm not poor, but, have always needed to be careful with my money. Travel is always staying in dormitories in hostels, even now. Retired teacher, chose not to cash in some of my superannuation to access pension and get health card, but really appreciate support of \$2.50 ticket.

Those poorer and living in outer suburbs are especially appreciative. Gives them freedom to connect with city activities, outside Sydney, and friends.

I really looked forward to turning 60 because I was getting the \$2.50 card and that would free up my travel. To someone that hasn't lived watching the pennies, that sounds crazy, but it's the truth. With this ticket I can go into the city several times a week. I can go in for a short trip, not try and do as many things as I can on one day.

As I said, I'm not poor, but it makes a difference to my life style.

Without the ticket I may as well go back to using the car. I do have one, 2003 Corolla. It is a luxury to have a car, but not all of Sydney is not an easy to access. If we had a better public transport system, with the \$2.50 ticket, I'd get rid of the car. At least I'm now using it as frequently as I can. Last year I drove to an appointment in Hornsby, 40 min trip. This year I took the train. Now I go to my friends' houses in Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Newcastle by train.

The \$2.50 seniors ticket makes a real difference to those that have don't have a lot. Don't take it from us. It seems to me that the less well off always have to give up a little bit more, a little bit more. It seems to not be much, but it will make a huge hole in our lives to lose it, but those with more never, never lose an equivalent amount.