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Submission: The one part of the preliminary report that I take objection to is the assertion and/or assumption that giving "free trips" after 8 trips is something new. This is not something new, but something that has been in place for decades. With the purchase of a Weekly (or longer) ticket, the price of that ticket included the same value as we are paying for 8 trips on the Opal cards. The weekly price was equal to 2 trips, per day, for 4 days to and from the intended destination (usually work/study place). This pricing has been in effect for decades, the fact that the Opal card now allows you to do it in shorter time is the problem not the 8 trips itself.

So, I would propose that the pricing be still kept the same as the previously successful pricing scheme, but simply not allow rorters to rack up multiple trips per day, hitting their \$15 daily cap, and reaching their 8 trip requirement in the first couple of days. This is the real problem. People will go out at lunch time and jump on a bus for a few stops, then get off, have lunch and get on another bus and go back after an hour or something similar.

Stop this activity and then the "rorting of the system" will be ended. However, if you change the fundamental of the "weekly ticket" pricing structure that has been in effect for decades, then you are hurting everyone and the already underutilised public transport system will become even more unattractive.