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Submission: I am appalled that it is being considered to raise the daily cap on the Concession Opal Card to \$9. I note that eligibility for the GoldCard is to be tightened thereby excluding many people on very low incomes and people living only on Centrelink benefits other than the Age Pension.

People on low incomes often have very active lives, necessitating the use of public transport. E.g. caring for others, volunteering, attending medical and health-related appointments for themselves, or as a companion to others, maintaining social connections. Their use of public transport could be as often as every day, or every week day. To increase the daily cap will impose hardship on many such people. Or it may result in them curtailing these activities to the detriment of themselves and others.

As we are a first World Country, I believe we have a responsibility to extend concessions for basic necessities (as many of the abovementioned types of travel are) to our less fortunate citizens.

Please maintain fare concessions for all people on CentrLink benefits and people on very low incomes.