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The Chairperson
IPART (Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal)
Review of Public Transport Fares
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Your Review of passenger travel when using the Opal Card on bus, rail, ferry and light rail travel.

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