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Submission: My concern is the effect that the proposed increases will cause hardship for many pensioners, self funded retirees, students and families with children. I personally have no problem with the present \$2.50 pensioner fare being raised by 20% i.e to \$3.00 but the amounts proposed are too much for those who rely solely on their pension and have no other way to obtain finance. There will be many pensioners who will struggle to have the money for basic things e.g. shopping, visiting family if increases are too high in relation to their income. For Non Pensioner Seniors the proposed increase from \$2.50 to \$9.00 is much too high. Those on a fixed income do not have the opportunity to recoup the increases in the cost of living in the same way those who are working or in business are able to do and such a huge increase is unfair and in no way shows any respect for the way they worked hard to provide for their retirement and the contribution they have already made to our society in the past. Parents with children still in school and university or students who are trying to support themselves need greater consideration than the proposal shows. Better to have people on a lower fare ON trains than not at all which could be the result if fares increases are too high and then pensioners and seniors will no longer be able to afford to travel. Thank you