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Submission: I am very concerned that I am being forced into a situation that is totally to my financial detriment as from 1 January 2016. At that time I will have no choice but to use an Opal card to travel to and from my workplace in the Sydney CBD. I work 4 days per week and I currently travel by bus from Fairlight to Wynyard. The full fare cost of this trip is \$4.50 however by using a My Bus Travel Ten this reduces the cost to \$3.76 per trip over 10 trips (to be used when I choose). As I understand it, any benefit of a discount on the Opal card does not commence until after the 8th trip in any given calendar week. I only ever travel by public transport (bus only) to and from my work place (4 days per week = 8 trips = no discount). I am tired of hearing the same old propaganda being dished out about how marvellous this new system is and how it will result in cheaper fares. It will certainly not result in cheaper fares for me or for a lot of others. In fact from 1 January 2016 when I will be forced to use an Opal card my travelling costs to and from work (4 days) will increase by more than \$300 per year. This new system may well be good for some, but certainly not for all. I am therefore, as a minority (but probably a part of a large minority) being penalised financially by having to use an Opal card. I have not been given a choice. I have contacted the Minister for Transport for NSW and I have received a totally useless response - the letter just details everything (verbatim) that I could read on the Opal website. My concerns were not addressed in any shape or form. I understand that the Opal card can be used on buses, trains, ferries, weekends, multiple trips etc etc, but I don't use public transport on any other occasion except to travel to and from work 4 days per week. I would like a response to this submission as I feel very upset that I am not being given a choice, that my situation (which I don't believe is unique) has not been considered in the planning of this "great leap forward". I feel I am being seriously "screwed" and the end benefit is just more money in the Government coffers. I have 87 words left but hopefully I've covered what I wanted to say and someone can get back to me with a real response.