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Submission: The proposed increase of the \$2.50 fare cap to \$9.00 is too much and unfair. Surely self funded retirees are good for the community as a whole. They have made the effort to provide for their old age and are not parasites on society. Generally they are reasonably comfortable financially, but the majority would not be classified as rich. So why should they be targeted in this fashion?

This increase would have a significant effect on Senior's use of public transport causing more traffic congestion and parking problems. NSW Police recently stated that drivers over 70 were more accident prone and should consider driving less and should use public transport more often. The proposed increase would have the opposite effect. The effect on Senior volunteers would also be significant, causing extra costs for many charities and public organisations. I am sure most Seniors would accept a more modest increase to reflect inflation, but \$9.00 is too drastic.

I would say that the release of this draft report on 21st December, just prior to Christmas is unethical and a classic cynical political strategy to minimize publicity.