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Submission: Objective 3 of this current review is to encourages greater use of public transport. My view is that is will put many more cars on the road. those cars will be driven by owners of the current Weekly ticket and non pensioner elders.

The report is based only on an economic model with social implication passed off as Government's responsibility. How nice it would be if the overall object of any legislation/policy was How can we make life better for the people. You would then get very different answers and fairer policy.

The proposed withholding of the Gold Opal Card from Non-pensioner elders is untenable. While about 6% of self funded retirees are well off many have to struggle to make their dollars last particularly in the current economic situation.

The advantage of low cost travel - which in most cases is in seats that would otherwise be empty - is that elders are more easily able to have a social life and contribute to the community either by volunteering or fulfilling family obligations.

The proposal is short sighted in that it considers only transport and economic implications. The mental, social and physical implications on elders is not considered in this review and will, therefore, not be considered in the decision making.

I am strongly against this proposal.