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Submission: I wish to strongly object to the Opal fare rises for both seniors and pensioners. While I know that public transport is expensive to operate, it seems so unfair to penalise those who are on limited incomes, especially those like me, who do not have cars. A more equitable solution would be perhaps to raise the daily limit to \$3.00 as this would be affordable. In London, public transport is free for pensioners but they cannot travel during peak hours. I do not advocate it being free but perhaps a higher fare could be charged between 7a.m - 9a.m. and 5p.m.- 7p.m. Our roads are already choked with cars and public transport usage needs to be encouraged rather than made prohibitive. Many elderly, unemployed and disabled people will now be confined to their homes and cut off from relatives and friends if these charges are brought in. A case in point is my sister and her husband (and a number of their friends) who live in Newcastle and since they have retired choose to catch the train to Sydney instead of the M1 Pacific Motorway (F3 Freeway).as more often than not this road experiences delays and accidents. If trains were less affordable they may choose their car and what is the point of running trains without people. There are also environmental concerns with more car usage. Instead of spending so much money on roads, the NSW Government should be making sure that our transport system is accessible and affordable for all. What you gain from increased fares will no doubt be eliminated by decreased patronage and cause other issues which will be a cost on society.