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Submission: I am writing in regard to the proposed increase in Public Transport Fares for the Sydney Metro area. I am deeply against any changes to the Opal card system. As an Opal card user, this will negatively impact my household. I live in Gosford on the Central Coast and depend on the 8 trip system, the Opal daily rate cap and \$2.50 Sundays to be able to visit my mother in Bondi on weekends and to get to and from work each day. My mum is a pensioner with very little money and the increase in fares will force her to stay home most of the time at an age when she needs to be with other people to combat the crippling effects of loneliness and isolation old age brings. I think these changes are going to hurt a lot of people that have no other choice but to use public transport. A lot of politicians think that you should just drive and stop winging but a lot of people either cannot afford a car or cannot drive for medical reasons and have no other choice. Please do not make life harder for people. Please leave public transport pricing alone. This is a money grabbing exercise pure and simple that will very badly affect real people with real problems.