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Submission: I'm on a Part Aged Pension. I think the initial increase is a bit steep but after that a 20c increase per year is manageable.

I think the fares should be the same for Seniors regardless of whether they are on an Aged Pension or not (i.e. at the Pensioner rate). My reasons are:

Seniors use public transport mainly out of peak hours

The more people on public transport, the less cars on the road

Seniors are out spending money and exercising so let's encourage us to travel frequently

A \$9 fare for a couple is \$18 - "we may as well take the car!"

Many self-funded retirees are still on middle or even low incomes

Thank you for your assistance.

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