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Submission: Senior's Gold Opal Card -

I am very concerned that the "Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is considering making Seniors no longer eligible for a Gold Opal Card, a privilege they have enjoyed and earned over the past years.

At the Annual Senior's Concerts a spokes person from the State government gives a thank you speech to all the Seniors who have contributed in making this state of NSW great and now they may be rewarded by making them ineligible for the Gold Opal card by supplying them a Opal Concession Card.

I believe if the Seniors "IPART" package is accepted by the State Government, Seniors will not use public transport and will revert back to driving their cars which is unacceptable in relation to the congestion which is already on our roads.

Also if this Seniors "IPART" package is approved in relation to Seniors it will have repercussions on our Health system as the package does nor encourage Seniors to get out of their houses and enjoy life.

If this Seniors "IPART" package is not accepted by the NSW government and has to be relooked at again by "IPART", all Seniors should be eligible for the Gold Opal Card and at the very least a Senior who holds a "Commonwealth Health Card' should be entitled to a Gold Opal Card.

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