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Submission: As a 73-year-old retiree, I genuinely value my Gold Opal Card. On at least three days every week, the current unlimited travel on all modes of public transport for \$2.50 every day gets me out and about. Records will show that I catch a bus from my home to Manly Wharf then a ferry to Circular Quay followed by a train to any number of other suburban locations - then return. I do own a car but at my age I find it more relaxing and cost-efficient to leave the car at home. I regard the \$2.50 Gold Opal Card to be a Godsend, so if the price is to substantially increased, it would to an extent seriously restrict my travel frequency.

Having worked and paid Tax continuously from the age of 13 to 68, I regard having a Gold Opal Card as being a well-deserved privilege. To take that away would greatly offend and inconvenience me.

It is my understanding In both the Melbourne and Perth CBDs, retirees can travel on public transport free of charge.