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Submission: I have read your report and note that it recommends considering that the accessibility of the gold Opal card to senior citizens be removed and their (my) daily cap be significantly increased.

The original thinking behind cheap fares for seniors was based on a recognition that active, socially engaged older citizens pays dividends and saves costs by maintaining both mental health and physical health. I personally know of people who do volunteer work which the nominal fares allow them to undertake while being only a little out of pocket.

The majority of seniors' trips do not occur in peak hour and while there may be valid reasons for higher fares at these times, much of the travel undertaken by seniors simply uses excess capacity in buses and trains that would otherwise just be carting air.

The proposed price hike is very narrowly conceived and short sighted.