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Submission: I am writing to express my concern regarding the recommendation to increase the daily fee on the Senior's Opal card to \$9.00.

As a PAYE employee for over 40 years I have paid my fair share of taxes and Government charges and have made provision for my retirement through a Self Managed Superannuation Fund and am not eligible for the pension.

On this basis I feel some subsidised travel is reasonable.

While I concede \$2.50 may be seen as middle class welfare and some increase may be warranted, \$9.00 per day is excessive.

As a person living in Eastwood, taking a return trip to the city I am receiving little in the way of a subsidised fare at the \$9 cap.

Generally I also only take one return trip per day so do not use the card excessively.

Increasing the fares to \$9.00 will force couples to using their cars adding to Sydney's congested roads and air pollution.

I would request you do not implement the recommendation to increase the daily fee to \$9.00.

As a suggestion, ways to ease congestion on our state public transport system, you may consider restricting subsidised fares to off peak periods and / or limit any increase in cost to a maximum of \$3.50 per day.