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Submission: I am against this proposal re increasing fares for Gold Opal card holders who are not on a Pension card from \$2.50 to \$9.00 a day for the following reasons:

1. This proposal never received the public exposure that it should have had so that people could think about this, debate the issues and make their views known. I saw one article in a newspaper a week ago and that was the first I had heard of this. So, very poor community consultation. I and most of my friends and associates have only just heard about this, in January 2016.
2. A small increase could possibly be justified but not such a big one from \$2.50 to \$9.00!! That is so unfair, in one hit.
3. I am 70 years old living on my self-funded superannuation. I paid taxes all my working life from 18 to 65. I receive no Government benefits apart from my Seniors Health care Card and my \$2.50 travel concession.
4. I worked in the NSW Government from 1983 until I retired in 2005 and I thought that the \$2.50 concession was introduced in part to encourage more people to use public transport and leave the car at home. If your proposal is adopted by the State Government all the good work getting older people out and about on public transport will be wasted.
5. I don't believe that this proposal will be a positive one when considered on any cost/benefit analysis and any savings made will be so small in the overall transport budget that it will be ineffective and a silly idea. If implemented, this will cause outrage amongst NSW's rapidly growing ageing population, who use the Gold Opal and who will voice their anger through their votes at the next State election.