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Submission: Dear Sir/Madam

I'm writing to you about the proposals by IPART regarding the Opal Senior/Pensioner card.

In my view, this is not the right way for the government to improve its financial position. There are hundreds of thousands of seniors who will simply be unable to afford the \$9 card that is currently being proposed. I agree that a modest increase is long overdue. However, an almost 400% impost is quite absurd.

An Opal card that is reasonably priced enables seniors to move about the community easily and, at the same time, support the New South Wales economy in a multitude of ways: shopping, eating out, attending movie theatres, visiting tourist attractions etc.

I completely understand that all governments need to raise taxes to support and fund various activities throughout the community. However, increasing the cost of the Opal card for seniors is fraught with difficulties. It would, in fact, be most unwise and quite counterproductive.

Kind regards

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