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Submission: Dear Tribunal Officers:

My wife and I are self-funded retirees who draw nothing in the way of taxation or other concessions other than a token appreciation of our 40 years each in the workforce - the Gold [now Opal] Card entitlement based on not working more than 20 hours per week

Often we head off at different times to do different things in the same area on the same day

However, since the availability of the Gold [and now Opal] Card we think twice before taking the car on local trips to Bondi Junction and the City

If the price were to go up to a potential \$9, we would probably exercise the two cars rather than use the Opal Card, and thereby contribute to the growing 'gray' congestion in the Bondi Area

I estimate that our running costs of 70c/km to Bondi Junction and back for two cars would be equivalent or less than the proposed higher Opal Card Cost which is currently capped at a beneficial \$2.50 daily

So if the Tribunal wants to see fewer cars on the road, making folk like us ineligible for cheaper transport might not be the way to go!

Thank you for your consideration