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The IPART report states that the daily cap for seniors will rise from \$2.50 to \$3.60, a significant increase, but the \$2.50 was set some time ago..

But that's only for seniors who hold a Pensioner or War Widow/Widower card.

For the remaining seniors, such as self-funded retirees, the daily cap will rise from \$2.50 to \$9.00 – 260% extra.

WHY? No other part of the travelling community will be hit such an increase.

How does the government expect retirees to compensate for this? Retirees are the people least able to cope with large changes in expenditure.

The fare for those retirees won't be much different to the fares for those without a seniors card. Under the proposed fares, a return bus trip from Collaroy for an outing in the city will cost \$9.38 – so being a senior will save you 38 cents.

An increase this large with minimal savings is not much of an incentive for seniors to get out and about.