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Mr Hugo Harmstorf
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Re: SENIORS Transport Fares - IPART Recommendation.

Dear Sir,

I am deeply concerned that a recent IPART recommendation could result in a 360% increase in the cost to SENIORS of a "DAY EXCURSION " transport fare

It seems that IPART has not thoroughly considered the very real implications, should their recommendations be adopted.

The means tested Centrelink AGED PENSION, requires qualification in two major areas - INCOME and ASSETS.

As a 76 year old so called WEALTHY ? self funded retiree, my wife and I are excluded from the AGED PENSION because of my SUPER balance - an ASSET?.

That balance is providing us with a fortnightly payment of \$1292.69

Assuming we were each able to draw maximum AGED PENSIONS, our income in cash and kind (utility discounts, supplements etc) would exceed that SUPER payment.

If the daily concession for SENIORS was capped at \$9.00 the negative impact would be far reaching.

One obvious area is the provision of volunteer services by SENIORS, to many organisations. This proposed imposition would cause many SENIORS to cease their volunteering.

Your comments, published in the S.M.H. 25.1. 2016 - indicated an annual shortfall of \$4.4 billion - after revenue from fares. Is it honestly thought by IPART that by "slugging" SENIORS, this will be significantly reduced?

The only reduction will be the decrease in the number of seats occupied by SENIORS.

WHY IS IT THAT SENIORS AND PENSIONERS ARE TREATED SO DIFFERENTLY BY IPART?

Assuming that relative incomes are the main consideration, by IPART , we have PENSIONS indexed up-wards at regular intervals but most SELF FUNDED aged have watched their payments markedly reduced in recent times.

Aging occurs at the same rate for PENSIONERS as for SENIORS - profound statement.

The elderly should be encouraged to get out and about as safely and as inexpensively as possible and enjoy the benefits that accrue.

If the N.S.W. Government, the State with the most congested roads, wished to fall into line with other Australian States and Territories, they would be sanctioning FREE travel for all SENIORS.

I thank you for receiving my submission.

Yours Faithfully

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