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Submission: As a self funded retiree I'm concerned to read the NSW Government IPART review into Public Transport Fares in Sydney and Surrounds and specifically the proposed entitlement change to the OPAL Gold Card. I understand one of the proposals recommend an increase the daily cap from \$2.50 to \$9.00 for people like myself. This is a totally unacceptable increase that targets people who have saved diligently all their lives to provide for their retirement without being a burden on the Government. We have NEVER received any direct benefits from the Government during our working lives and now we are being further disadvantages. Additionally some of us participate in a range of voluntary community activity that also eases the cost burden on the Government. For volunteers who need to travel on public transport this means a maximum increase from \$12.50 to \$45.00 per week!

I encourage the review committee to reject this part of the proposal and treat seniors and pensioners under the same fare structure. (As proposed in the draft report). I look forward to a positive outcome to this submission.