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Submission: I am writing to oppose any increase from the current \$2.50 daily charge for use of the Gold Opal card. Older people (both pensioners and self-funded retirees), especially those without private transport, rely on public transport. These people often do volunteer work and should not be expected to pay high fares to get to their place of voluntary employment. Self-funded retirees, having saved during their lives, can only afford to pay so much extra unless the government wants them to end up on the pension which would result in further costs to the Federal and State governments. It is well known that an active social life maintains good health. This would be hindered if older people did not have access to cheap public transport. If the State Government can afford to pay billions of dollars on wasteful, short-term projects such as WestConnex which really only benefits big business, they can afford to provide cheap public transport for older people in our society.