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Submission: I understand the proposed changes are that The Gold Opal card would only be available for those that hold a pensioner or a NSW war widow/er's card, and the daily cap for these travellers would be \$3.60 for 2016-17, \$3.60 for 2017-18 and \$4.00 for 2018-19.

Other Seniors Card Holders would only be eligible for a Concession Opal card, and the daily maximum fare for these travelers would increase to \$9.00 a day from the current \$2.50.

With changes to the pension concessions I would be extremely affected by the proposed increase to \$9.00 per day. In my area (Glebe) the bus routes have now made it difficult enough to access city areas beyond Martin Place - I rely on public transport to get to the city and support the Government's wish to increase the use of public transport. How ridiculous therefore to make it so expensive to do so. I am utterly tired of the NSW and Federal Government's politicians making decisions which have little impact on their own social circles and income levels but are economically blind to the average person's economic circumstances. Government for the wealthy seems to be the mantra.

It is also often the case that people making these decisions are driven around at the tax payers' expense - it would be interesting to see a survey of the use of public transport by our political representatives. I would guess it is very light.