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I am writing in response to IPART review of the Opal Card. I read with amazement the Sydney Morning Herald that the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal has proposed to “strip self funded Retirees of the Gold Opal card”.

My wife and I have worked hard all our lives paying taxes and supporting the community. We will eventually be self funded retirees and thus reduce burden on the public purse in having to pay for our own retirement. Now it appears that this State government may be tempted to strip away this benefits of the Senior's Opal card. Be assured that any such move will result in some extremely disgruntled seniors especially self funded retirees who already have paid more than their fair share in taxes having received very little government assistance in return.

So far this Government has made this State extremely well off by selling many State Assets to the Private Sector and has allowed massive development to proceed and has boasted of its economic success. To contemplate changing the Opal Card benefits for Self Funded Retirees, one of the very few concessions that Self Funded Retirees have would be a political mistake.