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Submission: I oppose changing the proposals for the Gold Opal card. Being a senior affords people like me the time and opportunity to travel on public transport at an affordable and predictable fare. This is not about getting a bus, train or tram to joy ride because each journey has a purpose. This includes visiting friends and relatives, shopping, doing errands for less mobile neighbours, attending educational classes and volunteering activities such as visiting the sick or infirm. Increasing the fares is false economy because all of the above trips are saving taxpayers from providing services that may be curtailed. I reject the notion that seniors who are not in receipt of the age pension can afford to pay more. Our choices for earning additional income are very limited.