

New Care Cards: The Latest #BCpoli Corruption

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I'm getting quite sick of the corporate welfare corruption.

The Skytrain turnstiles financial sledghammer to kill the relatively inexpensive fly of free riders irks me. Doubly so because I think transit should be fare-free anyway.

Now there's the latest gift to some soon-to-be thrilled corporate shareholder crew of new care cards. A boondoggle solution in search of a problem. If there's no problem, that's ok, just estimate the extent of a problem and you're good to go. Unless you believe in responsible government. And [unless you are as concerned as Anonymous is about your identity theft](#); watch their latest video below.

The new cards will cost \$150 million over 3 years.

Two years ago the government estimated care card healthcare fraud cost us all a quarter of a billion dollars.

When asked for "facts", they produced \$3 million in wrongful billing.

So once again this corrupt corporate welfare-loving government is spending 50x the money it is losing to fix a problem.

Follow the money.

The government argues the new cards, which will cost \$150 million over five years, will cut back on health care fraud, improve patient safety and provide British Columbians with convenient government ID.

Privacy critics warn that they represent a de facto form of what can easily be turned into a national identity card that can be used to track and control Canadians and that will make it easier for hackers to steal your private health information.

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When they were announced two years ago by then health minister Mike de Jong, the cards were pitched as a solution to health care fraud. The government estimated that some \$260 million a year was being lost to fraud.

That number was pure speculation, however, since they had identified just \$3 million in wrongful billing and no one had been charged for several years with fraud.

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