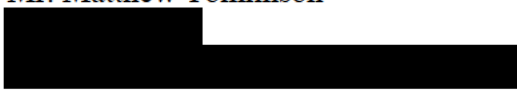


Inquiry Name: Inquiry into Expanding Melbourne's Free Tram Zone

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Extending the free tram zone would not only be beneficial for students and seniors but also tourism within Melbourne. The tram system is an excellent system when used in conjunction with trains and buses, however the free tram zone surprisingly misses key tourist destinations including the Melbourne Museum and Shrine of Remembrance. With a free tram zone down to these areas, tourism could very easily spike in these areas with the greater ease of access. Students are also unfairly targeted by Myki inspectors outside university campuses. RMIT which is one stop outside the free tram zone while the University of Melbourne is not much further back are two key universities who could benefit from an extension of the free tram zone. Furthermore, recently the prestige of the University of Melbourne has resulted in higher levels of tourism around the campus meaning once again that the tram system would be heavily relied upon as the only method of transport to the University for tourism groups. However, while an extension of the free tram zone would be worthwhile cause it is unlikely to cause a significant difference as after two trips using the myki, the fares become free, therefore unless the University student or person benefiting from the free tram zone is only using the the one tram to travel to and from the University or tourist destination it is likely that they will still pay the two trips especially for someone like me who catches the train before the tram therefore ultimately paying the same price with or without the extension of the free tram zone.

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