

Dear Government,

I strongly believe you should consider extending the free tram zone up Swanston Street to include the University of Melbourne. As Australia's Number 1 University it is important to students both domestic and international to see the government support local assets and revenue producers such as the University. The main reason students and staff do not go into the city during the day is due to the tram fee. Hence they stay on campus. If you were to have many of these students going into the city during the day for lunch and shopping in between classes this would equate to millions of dollars a year being spent at city establishments supporting the Victorian economy.

Furthermore it is disappointing the international exchange students are eligible for a public concession, but not study abroad students..this makes no sense. Please consider including international study abroad students for the public transport concession as each student is bringing 10's of thousands of dollars into the local economy through tuition, accommodation and miscellaneous purchases. Having discounted transport would be seen as a big incentive to attract more international study abroad students to Victoria.

Kind Regards,

Bradley Manson

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*I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which I work, and pay my respects to the Elders, past and present.*

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