

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

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As a student residents in Melbourne, I would like to provide my viewpoints on the proposed improvement of public transport.

(1) the expansion of the free tram system to include ...

The expanding of free tram zone will benefit not only the visitors, but also the residents.

1. In terms of public services, I believe that providing excellent transportation is one of the ways that can make this city a better place to live and to visit. For us residents, an extended free travel zone will provide a convenient travel option and will encourage the people live near the extended zone to visit the Melbourne CBD. For visitors, extended free travel zone will help them explore the Melbourne city better since the extended areas are attractive for visitors.

2. The extension will encourage the public transportation provider to optimize their service and improve the quality of service, which will benefit everyone in Melbourne. The expanding free travel zone may probably raise the overcrowd problem, which is a problem for every large city in the world. To improve the performance of public transport, we might seek solutions like intelligent scheduling system and automatic passenger transporting system. I believe a modern city should be augmented with modern intelligent system, which will benefit everyone living in Melbourne.

(2) providing free fares for all full time students;

We should always provide the most convenient services to students, as students are the future of the country. But how we define who are 'students', and may different concession terms apply to different students are the questions to consider. I support the free fares for all students before college and concession fares for all students studying in college (incl. undergrads, postgrads and PhDs). The proposal is based on the definition of students and meanwhile considering the dependencies of students. Students before college financially rely on their parents, it will be beneficial to provide free fare for students before college to reduce the financial burden on their parents. Students enter college are partially dependent on their parents and can somehow support their life. It is important to treat all full time students including postgraduates as students who should receive a concession fare, since they are studying full-time.

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File3: