

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

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I don't live in the free tram zone and won't be even if the zone extended, so I am not affected directly by this decision. However, in the past 10 years as a previous student of Melbourne University and a current employee in Parkville medical precinct, I know how important it is for students and visitors to get to the Melbourne University and surrounding area for free.

Parkville medical precinct is the home of 3 major public hospitals and 6 world-class medical research institutes. Every year, thousands of patients with their families coming from the rural area for treatment to these hospitals. Every year many international and interstate scientists visiting this area for scientific meetings and establishing collaboration. The University of Melbourne as Australia's best University is the attraction for thousands of great students from all over the country and world. Most of the above accommodating within free tram zone. Moreover, there are a considerable number of touristic attractions located outside the current free tram zone namely: NGV, the shrine of remembrance, Melbourne museum, Royal exhibition building and Lygon street precinct. Since Victoria is one of the states that does not offer concessions to tertiary and international students, it would be a great help for student and elegant gesture to visitors to extend the free tram zone.

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