

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

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As a University of Melbourne student and casual employee, I fully support the extension of the free tram zone and the provision of free fares for all full time students. Such an expansion would help keep students suffering financial hardship enrolled in their degrees - many students already try to avoid touching on their mikis, leading to unnecessary conflict, stress and debt. It would improve the mental and physical wellbeing of seniors and youth by removing a potential financial barrier to getting out of the house. It would also reduce reliance on cars that cause congestion and pollution in our city. Providing free public transport to vulnerable demographics (if not the entire population) is a clear win for the environment and the city - the \$73 million in profits that Public Transport Victoria made in 2017-18, is not. Victoria must prioritise its constituents over the profits of private companies like PTV. The free tram zone should be extended and seniors and students should not have to pay for public transport.

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