

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

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The free transport should not only be extended to Seniors and Students but to holders of:
Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card (PCC)
Centrelink Health Care Card
DHHS Victorian Carers Card
War Veteran/War Widower
Asylum Seeker
Disability Support Pension and Carer Payment recipients

Whilst these cards provide concessional travel as does seniors, such other groups also struggle to afford public transport. For instance, a person who has a PCC card may be on a disability support pension, but not necessarily a senior and could be of any age. A health care card means a person on a low income, who again could be of any age. Similarly, a DHHS Victorian Carers card is a person who supports and cares for persons with disabilities and they should also be able to travel at no cost. If you are allowing free travel for seniors, then it is only fair that holders of the other cards are provided with the same benefits. A person who holds a Seniors Card may not necessarily be of low income, in fact many retirees may have significant income and assets. I don't believe the proposal as it currently stands is fair and equitable to everyone.

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