

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

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To the parliamentary committee considering the extension of the free tram zone.

I would like to encourage you to favourably view the proposal to extend the free tram zone to Abbotsford Street, North Melbourne, which will encompass the Parkville hospital precinct.

As a clinical psychologist working with long stay patients and families, many of whom are from regional areas or interstate staying at Ronald McDonald House, I frequently recommend that families make sure they are looking after themselves, as well as their loved one. This can be as simple as a walk around Royal Park, or a trip down to the Queen Victoria Market, or it could be attending medical appointments, such as appointments with a local GP, or obtaining individual mental health support with a local psychologist. For some, it might be some much needed family time, such as a trip down to see the Christmas windows in the city with other children.

Placing the hospitals within the free tram zone would be make a significant difference to families during very vulnerable periods in their lives.

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