

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

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Thankyou for the opportunity to respond. I am a resident of Fitzroy outside both the current and proposed free tram zone, however I feel strongly about this issue.

Regarding each point:

- (1) I support the expansion of the free tram zone where it provides a cost effective environmental and societal benefit. I believe that free public transport meets this goal better than a user-pays model.
- (2) providing free fares for all full time students is an arbitrary step in the right direction - however I would prefer it included all unemployed, disabled, and seniors etc if it is not possible to make it free for everyone.
- (3) removing fares for all Seniors Card holders is also an arbitrary step in the right direction - I would prefer it included all unemployed, disabled, and students etc if it is not possible to make it free for everyone.
- (4) new technologies that enable intelligent transport systems that improve the performance of the networks should be investigated as these are likely to be at worst cost neutral while providing new ideas and improvements.
- (5) the effects and benefits of dynamic public transport pricing are like likely to be all bad when prices increase and all good when prices decrease. Instead of dynamic pricing (increases) to reduce demand, increase capacity instead and revenue would increase while reducing car traffic and freeing up road space for those that need to travel by road and have no choice.

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