


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

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To whom it may concern,

I write to support the extension of the free tram zone to include the universities of RMIT and Melbourne.

While this would represent a direct loss of no doubt considerable revenue, it would greatly aid those students who are struggling with financial difficulties, nevermind the commuting staff of the universities who to a large extent are of lower to moderate salary grades and would also likewise benefit.

For international students studying in these two universities really within the city limits, it would mean a great marketing opportunity for the city of Melbourne itself as been truly educational friendly and for the universities to add to their attractive offers. It would also very likely mean that it would encourage such students to utilise public transport more rather than procuring vehicles, and that money saved would be most likely spent in the shops of the CBD rather than saved by this cohort, unless they are struggling financially, in which case they would fall under the first rationale.

I'm sure others have made a much fuller and more detailed and evidenced case and submission to the inquiry, but I felt it would be remiss of me, and a lost opportunity, to not just add my simple rationale and support for what would be of great benefit to the city.

Thank you for your consideration.

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