

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

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With the extension of Melbourne's rail network to soon include the Metro Tunnel, the tram networks are going to drop in use. Having the Parkville Metro Tunnel will provide students a faster way to get to Melbourne University and so the current tram network may fall in usage to an inefficient degree. By extending the Free Tram Network to the Melbourne University stop, the trams will continue to be used and poor students who are struggling in our stagnant job market with sluggish wages won't be penalised for not having the extra money required to simply get to school.

Those who want to get to Uni fast can pay to use the Metro Tunnel, while those who can't afford it should be able to ride the tram, otherwise those tram lines become almost obsolete beyond those traveling further than the University tram stop anyway.

Having tourists arrive on the new Metro Tunnel and getting off at RMIT, only to be one stop outside of the free tram zone would also be infuriatingly bizarre.

It will also help free up the Melbourne Central tram stop as students would stop all walking to Central, congesting the sidewalks that weren't made for that many people, and getting on the tram there in order to get to Flinders Street.

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