


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

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I strongly believe that the free tram zone should be extended to University Campuses such as University of Melbourne, Parkville.

I have been commuting for over two years, first as an undergraduate (student discount) and now as a PhD student (paying full fare). It is stressful enough to perform highly at university and working part-time job. Now as a graduate student, I do not qualify for a discount nor am I able to work part time due to the commitments as a PhD student. I am lucky enough to receive a top up scholarship from my institute however this does not even cover the cost of a yearly pass on the public transport system.

I studied in another state in Australia for a couple of years and the cost of public transport was much lower and affordable for students compared to Melbourne.

Students barely earn enough money to pay tax, why would they be able to afford public transport. Some students are really struggling, they may not have familial support or may have to move out of home to study and therefore live paycheck to paycheck.

Help support students today so they can get a great education and give back to the economy later.

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